

NEWS

Heavy snowfall enhances school ski program



This week, gym classes at Grayling Elementary School (GES) are thinking outside the dodgeball. Instead, fourth graders are strapping on a pair of skis and hitting the playground in celebration of one of Grayling's most popular winter sports. **10A**

SPORTS

March Madness 2009: Girls to play at Elk Rapids on Monday



"March Madness" – basketball tournament action and everything that goes along with it – begins next week with girls basketball playoffs. Grayling High School's varsity girls basketball squad will start its play-off run with a round one District 63-8 game vs. the Elk Rapids Elks on Monday, March 2, at 7 p.m. at Elk Rapids. **1B**

Varsity basketball team defeats Elk Rapids 61-45 on Friday



The Vikings of Grayling High School defeated Elk Rapids 61-45 in a league varsity boys basketball contest played at GHS last Friday. "I was extremely pleased with our defensive pressure in the game," Coach Rich Moffit said. **4B**

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County board finalizes bonding for courthouse improvements, senior center

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners put the public on notice that it intends to issue \$3 million in bonds to pay for courthouse improvements and to relocate the Grayling Senior Center to the historic Grayling Fish Hatchery building.

The board, last week, agreed to issue separate notices to issue gen-

eral obligation bonds for the two county projects. The first would be to issue bonds not to exceed \$1.5 million to pay for an addition and renovation of the Crawford County Courthouse to bring the building in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The second proposal, also not to exceed \$1.5 million, would be to renovate and make site improvements to relocate the Grayling Senior Center to the former fish hatchery building.

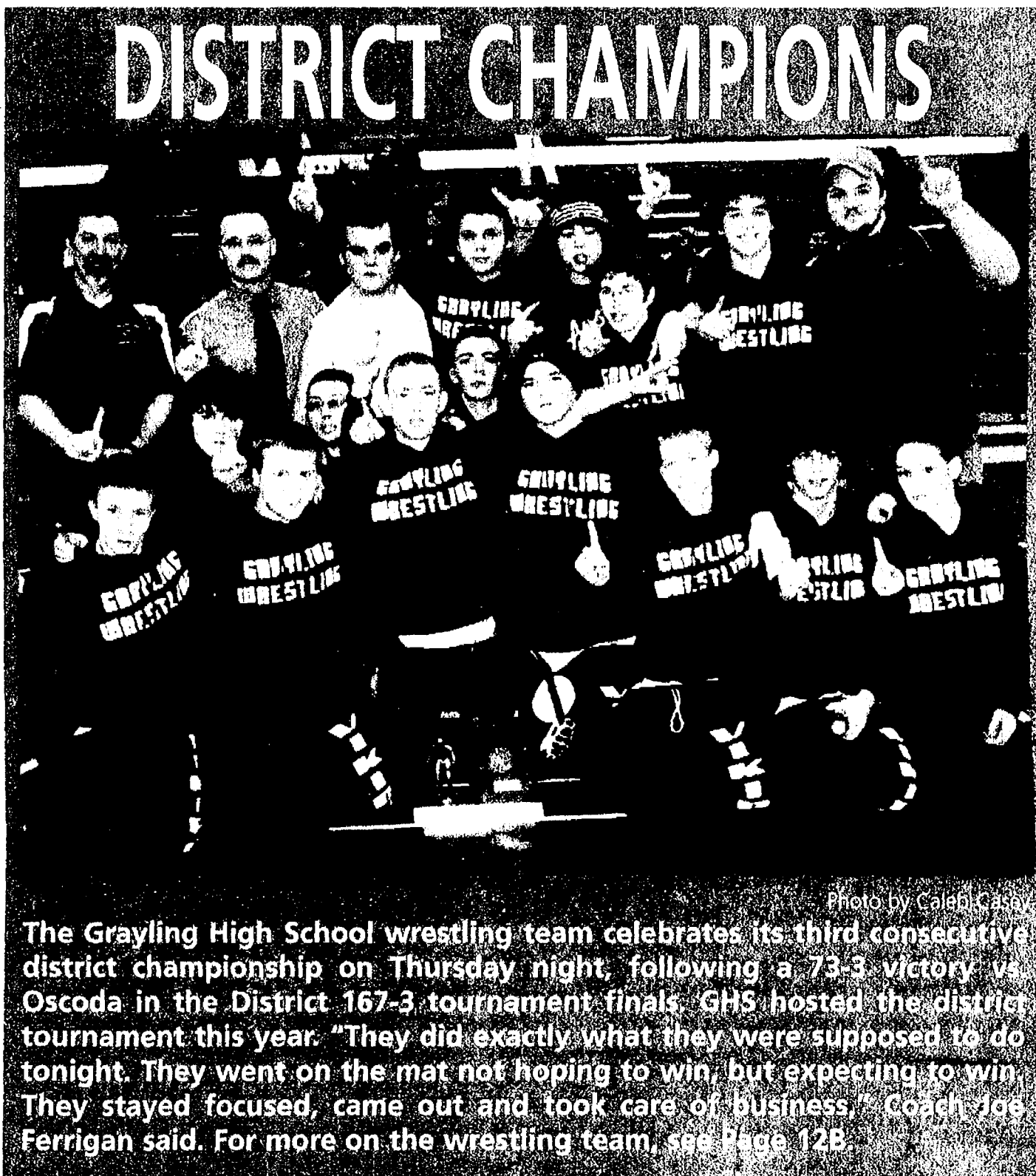
For years, county officials have been searching for funds to make the county building more handicapped friendly. Officials fear having a lawsuit filed by a handicapped person that cannot access the building or county services.

Funds freed up from the expansion of the Crawford County Jail, and payments for a heating, cooling and ventilation system for the courthouse, have been earmarked to pay off the bonds for the building face-

lift.

The county board also agreed to a second proposal to relocate the Grayling Senior Center to the fish hatchery building.

For the last year and a half, the Crawford County Commission on Aging (COA) has been studying the potential of moving its senior center to the fish hatchery or other locations. The senior center needs more space to provide adequate services. See **COUNTY | 7A**



The Grayling High School wrestling team celebrates its third consecutive district championship on Thursday night, following a 73-3 victory vs. Oscoda in the District 167-3 tournament finals. GHS hosted the district tournament this year. "They did exactly what they were supposed to do tonight. They went on the mat not hoping to win, but expecting to win. They stayed focused, came out and took care of business," Coach Joe Ferrigan said. For more on the wrestling team, see Page 12B.

Commissioners ready to let ORV ordinance roll

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

An ordinance, which would allow dirt bikes and four-wheelers to travel on some Crawford County roads, could be ready to roll by the time snow melts this spring.

Crawford County Commissioner Scott Hanson said that county officials could recommend the adoption of a county ORV ordinance by its Thursday, April 3, committee meeting. The ordinance would then go before the full board at its Wednesday, April 15, meeting for final adoption.

Under state legislation signed into law last year, counties and townships can open their roadways to ORV use on the "far right," at a speed no greater than 25 mph, once a local ordinance is adopted. All youths must have Department of Natural Resources (DNR) ORV safety training and be under visual supervision of an adult, able to come to their immediate aid, as per current law.

The county board of commissioners, the road commission and local municipalities would be immune from liabilities arising from damages sustained by the operation of an ATV or ORV on a county road shoulder, See **COMMISSIONERS | 7A**

United Way carries on without director

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Despite the loss of their director nearly four months ago, United Way of Crawford County continues to advance its mission and create new goals. Board members report that they have big plans to move ahead throughout 2009, with or without a director.

"We're functioning without a director at the present time," said Sheriff Kirk Wakefield, who also currently serves as the organization's secretary.

The organization's former director, Linda Williams, resigned last November for personal reasons.

Although board members say they do intend to "eventually" install someone new into the paid leadership position, the search has been put on the back burner while they focus their resources on supporting new and existing projects.

"We wanted to put any money we get in our organization into our community," said board president Karen Hatley.

Hatley admits, however, that the eventual addition of a new director will be a big help in allowing the organization to fulfill its mission.

"She does the talking and fund raising," Hatley said. "It takes quite a bit of time to do that."

United Way organizations are funded entirely by community donations and fund-raiser events.

Board members noted that, like virtually all charities right now, funding for United Way is down. Still, there are a handful of See **UNITED WAY | 3A**

Daddies and daughters tear up the dance floor



Photos by Dan Sanderson

The AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary Schools hosted their annual Daddy-Daughter Dance last week. Hundreds of daddies and daughters packed the dance floor and had their pictures taken as they enjoyed the special night together. Above, Jason Trudeau and his daughter Sierra Trudeau, an AuSable Primary School kindergartner, share the last slow dance of the night. Above right, Danielle Cinciala, a Grayling Elementary School fifth grader, looks into the eyes of her dad, Scott Cinciala, as they get their groove on at the dance. Below right, Kyle Duba gets creative as he holds his daughter Audrey Duba, an AuSable Primary School preschool student, and has his other daughter, Isabel Duba, an AuSable Primary School first grader, perched on his shoulders.



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Daisy Scouts kick-off cookie sale



Photos by Dan Sanderson

The Daisy Scouts of Crawford County held a Cookie Sale Kick-Off celebration at the AuSable Primary School last Thursday. Daisy Scouts officially started their annual cookie sale program on Monday, Feb. 23. Left, Daisy Scout Jocelyn Brown plays musical squares as she learns the proper cookie sale etiquette. Above top, Daisy Scouts are pictured with Jeannie McCans, a Daisy Scout volunteer, as they prepare to sample the cookies they will sell. Above bottom, Daisy Scout Cadet Kayla Forester helps Jasmine Williams fold a cookie catcher during the kick-off celebration.

Snappy resolution reached for Beaver Creek Township Fire Chief's alleged fuel tax violation

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Within days of being formally charged for allegedly selling un-taxed diesel fuel to a local ambulance service, officials worked on behalf of the veteran Beaver Creek Township Fire Chief to resolve the issue.

Edward Holtcamp, 71, waived his arraignment on a charge of taxes-engaging in a motor fuel tax business in violation of the state's Motor Fuel Tax Act without a license. Holtcamp was not required to attend the court hearing on Wednesday, Feb. 18, and a not-guilty plea was entered on his behalf by Crawford County Magistrate Camarin Talarico.

The charge stems from the sale of un-taxed diesel fuel to Mobile Medical Response, a 501-C3 tax exempt organization that provides ambulance services to Crawford County.

Mark Thompson, president and CEO of the Saginaw based Mobile Medical Response, said as a 501-C3 tax exempt organization, the business is not subject to paying income taxes and sales taxes, but must pay some excise taxes including fuel taxes.

Mobile Medical Response

has a substation based out of the Beaver Creek Township Fire Department. Mobile Medical Response also serves communities in 10 counties throughout Michigan.

Thompson said the ambulance service purchased diesel fuel from the Beaver Creek Township Fire Department in October 2005.

Beaver Creek Township Fire Department is allowed to purchase and run un-taxed diesel fuel in its trucks since it is a governmental agency.

Mobile Medical Response initiated actions in early 2007 to discontinue acquiring fuel from the Beaver Creek Township Fire Department, due to changes in fuel requirements for the ambulances.

Just after the decision was made, Detective Sgt. Tim Lenhard and Bill Coe, the motor carrier officer for the Houghton Lake Post of the Michigan State Police, began an investigation on fuel used by the ambulance service due to an anonymous tip.

The investigation revealed that dyed fuel was used by the ambulance service. Diesel fuel sold to tax exempt agencies contains a red or pink dye used to differentiate the fuel from

diesel fuel sold by other fuel suppliers. State Police motor carrier officers can take a sample from a fuel tank to determine if dyed fuel is being used in a vehicle.

Mobile Medical Response resolved the issue with the IRS in January. Holtcamp was arrested for allegedly violating the state fuel tax act without a license on Jan. 28.

On Monday afternoon, Thompson paid the \$14,500 to cover the unpaid taxes, interest and penalties at the Michigan Department of Treasury branch office in Flint.

"It's a good thing to get behind us for sure," Thompson said. "There was no intent by either party to do anything inappropriate. We paid the taxes and we'll move on."

Information regarding payment of the taxes was forwarded to Crawford County Prosecutor Everett "Trey" Ayers for his consideration. A motion was entered in Crawford County District Court on Tuesday, where Ayers agreed to no longer prosecute the criminal charge. The order was waiting for District Court Judge Monte Burmeister's signature.

Holtcamp faced a four-year felony with a \$5,000

fine.

Inspector Randy Coplin, assistant division commander for the Michigan State Police's traffic safety division for commercial vehicle enforcement, said four to five businesses or drivers statewide are charged for running dyed diesel fuel.

"I think there's more out there that we're not coming across," Coplin said.

Holtcamp has been the Beaver Creek Township Fire Chief since the department was founded in 1982.

In 2002, Holtcamp was honored as Michigan's Fire Chief of the Year by the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs. Holtcamp served on the group's board, was legislative liaison for the organization and is past president of the Northern Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs, which includes as many as 300 chiefs from the northern part of the Lower Peninsula.

Holtcamp served on Gov. Jim Blanchard's Fire Safety Task Force and former Rep. Allen Lowe's wildfire task force.

Beaver Creek Township Supervisor Brian Ashton said the fire department and the fuel sale snafu will be on the agenda for the next township board meeting scheduled for Monday, March 9.

Ashton said he has had a lot of inquiries over the issue, but no determination has been made regarding the future of the fire department.

"It's just too early to tell," Ashton said. "This is all going to blow over soon."

Ashton said that township officials and fire department officials are cooperating with the investigation. Ashton said he does not believe that the issue involves any other current or past township officials. Ashton defeated incumbent Beaver Creek Township Supervisor Lee Riley in the August 2008 primary election.

"I'm the new kid on the block," Ashton said. "As far as I'm aware, nothing like this has happened before."

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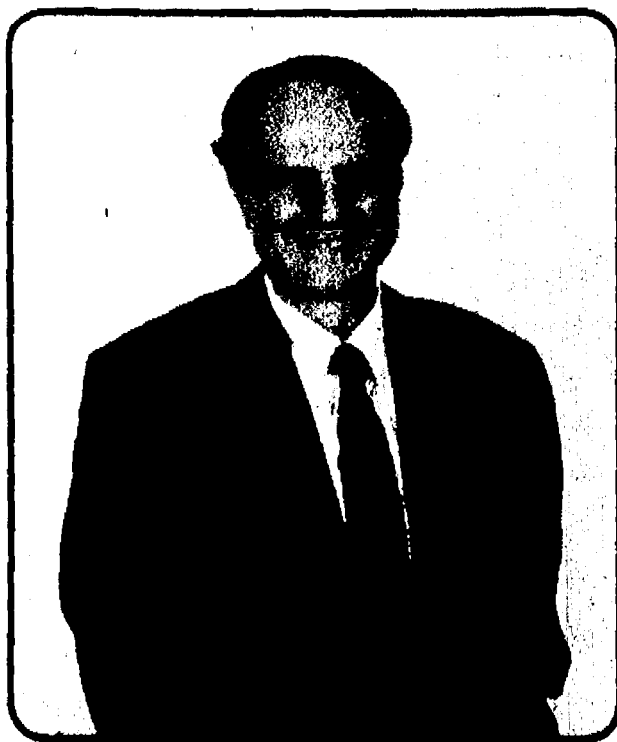
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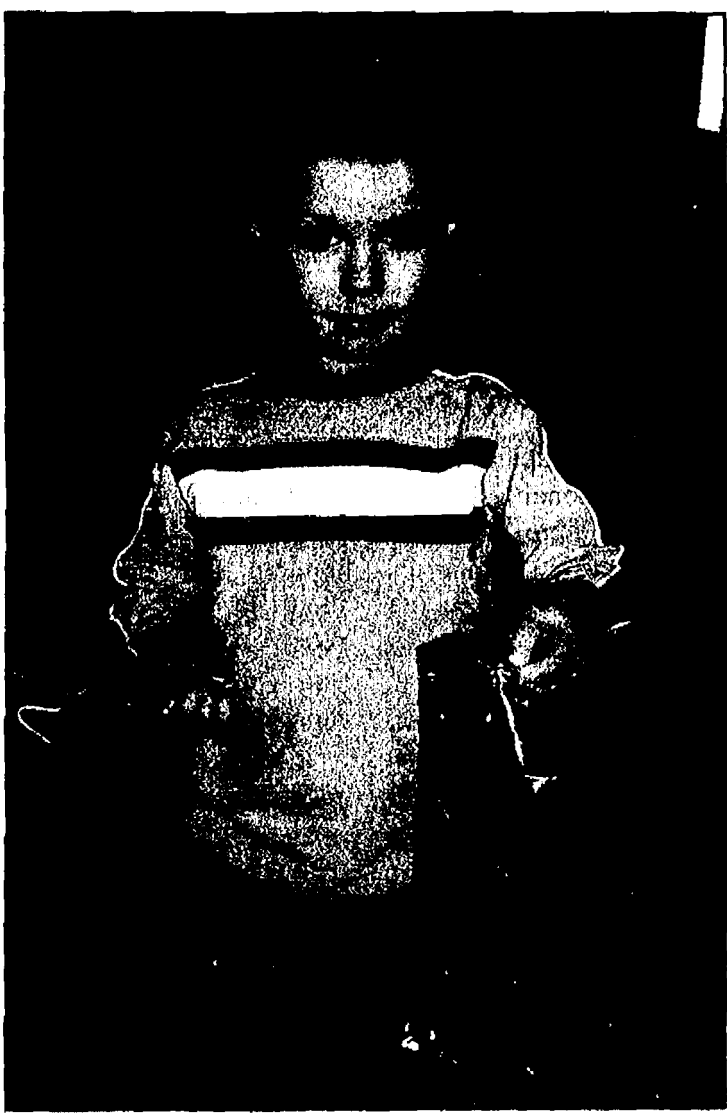
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Creepy Camp Out



Photos by Dan Sanderson

The Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library hosted an event called "Gross Out/Camp Out in the Library" last week. The children's program was inspired by "The Everything Kids' Gross Cookbook," which was recently received by the library. Other cookbooks and children's classic books, such as "How to Eat Fried Worms," were also highlighted during the program. The program, sponsored by the Friends of the Crawford County Library System, was filled with nauseating recipes, jokes and activities. Above, Brittany Brannam, age 9, reaches into boxes where macaroni was made to feel like brains, spaghetti was made to feel like guts, grapes were made to feel like eyeballs and a toy hairy spider was made to feel like a hairy spider. Below, Benjamin Gardiner, age 2, displays a spider and a snake he found on the children's book shelves during the "totally twisted scavenger hunt."



United Way carries on without director

Continued from 1A

major donors who continue to support the organization.

"They've found it in their hearts to continue to help us," Hatley said.

Wakefield feels confident that the organization will continue to meet its goals.

"Donations are down, naturally ... but we seem to be doing okay at the present time," he said.

Board members also have plans to adjust their fundraising efforts to better match the changing economy.

"We're trying to come up with some unique new things," Wakefield said.

Although United Way has hosted large auctions in order to raise funds in recent years, this will be replaced with events that have smaller overhead costs.

This will likely include a "celebrity server" event at a local restaurant and Texas Hold 'Em tournaments at the Eagles Club.

In turn, these funds are channeled back into the community in the places where they are most needed. Several local nonprofits, including the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center, are regular recipients of United

Way funds.

This winter, the organization provided propane to several families who did not have sufficient means to heat their homes.

"We want to bring our community together," Hatley said.

The organization is currently accepting applications from community entities that need support.

"Whoever sends us an application, that's who we look at," Hatley said.

Meanwhile, board members are always on the lookout for new volunteers.

"The more people the merrier," Wakefield said. "It would be nice to have some more people on board."

Police team up to nab thieves

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Shoe prints in fresh snow helped a trio of local police agencies track down three alleged thieves last week.

Grayling City Patrolman Tim Coe observed shoe tracks in the fresh snow around 4 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 18, causing him to become suspicious due to several reported larcenies from automobiles earlier in the week.

Coe determined the tracks were made by three individuals who appeared to be casing cars and trucks in private drives and were looking for an opportunity to steal items from the vehicles.

While following the tracks, a report was received by Crawford County Dispatch from a local citizen reporting that his truck had just been broken into and three subjects were seen fleeing from the scene.

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies and Troopers from the Houghton Lake Post of the Michigan State Police

joined Coe, who was a short distance from the home, in the search for the three individuals.

The investigation led to a home in the city where three young men were questioned concerning the incident. The three men, two 17-year-olds and one 20-year-old, were determined to be responsible and an investigation into the theft continues, said Grayling City Police Chief Doug Baum.

A report has been turned over to the Crawford County Prosecutor's Office and warrants are expected in the case, Baum said.

Local police remind citizens to lock their vehicles at night as well as their homes, garages and outdoor storage units.

Baum said adding lighting, including outdoor motion sensing lights, is a valuable investment in reducing the chances of becoming a victim.

For more crime prevention hints and suggestions, contact the Grayling City Police Department at 348-4601.

Volunteers sought to adopt garden

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

While weapons and fingerprints are being processed in the Michigan State Police Forensics Lab in Grayling, officials are seeking volunteers to dirty their hands and knees maintaining a garden outside the building.

City of Grayling and Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) leaders are recruiting volunteers to give the garden in front of the crime lab a complete overhaul.

GPA members have maintained the garden for years, but volunteers and energy to upkeep the garden are dwindling.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer and Ilene Geiss-Wilson, executive director of the Grayling Visitors Bureau, say they hope to have garden volunteers lined up by spring.

"It certainly adds to the attractiveness of the community and it is just off the main thoroughfare through town," Geiss-Wilson said. "We want our community to look nice for the people who live here and our visitors."

In 2000, Grayling City officials agreed to lease the building on James Street to the crime lab. Prior to that, the building housed the Grayling City Hall and the crime lab.

Thayer said the entire garden needs to be ripped up, repaired and taken care of this spring, summer and fall.

Thayer said he researched adding an employee to Grayling's Department of Public Works, but budget constraints make that unfeasible.

"We don't have the manpower to do the things we want to do right now," Thayer said. "I wish we had the luxury to add to the staff, but we just can't do it right

now."

Thayer said the city will pay for the garden supplies, flowers and plants.

"If someone hears about this that never thought about adopting a community garden before, we would love for them to come forward and provide the tender, loving care it needs," Thayer said.

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Online Poll Results

Last week's online poll question and results:

For its building renovation project, the county board should...

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This week's online poll question: Should the county approve an ordinance allowing ORVs to travel on the side of area roads?

Issues and Opinions



Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Federal panel will dictate fate of autos

MAYBE IT'S only because we live in Michigan, but what comes out of the newly-appointed presidential task force to handle auto company loans casts a heavy shadow hereabouts.

The idea of an auto czar to ride herd on the money-starving American auto industry has morphed into an inter-agency control group with members from 10 cabinet agencies and the White House, with staffs and advisors to suit the Washington bureaucracy.

Is this switch good or bad for the auto industry? The jury has not reported.

A single person in charge – a so-called auto czar – is more likely to make quick decisions and take decisive actions than a committee, which by its very nature must move more slowly and must reconcile a potential variety of views.

Does swift, unilateral

action by a single czar produce sounder results than the lumbering consensus required by a hydra-like inter-agency committee?

President Barack Obama perhaps saw where automakers were headed a couple of years ago when as a candidate he told the Detroit Economic Club that the auto industry had to shape up or face dire consequences. That idea was not received warmly in Michigan, but recent history shows Mr. Obama was directly on point.

GENERAL MOTORS and Chrysler already have absorbed \$18 billion or so in bailout money from the federal government, for which the companies had to submit detailed plans to the auto task force of how they will get back to profitability.

The other of the Big Three – Ford Motor Company – has not asked

for federal money and is not subject to the actions of the auto task force ... at least, as of now.

In a recent informal and admittedly incomplete survey, *The Detroit News* took a look at what kind of cars members of the auto task force own.

Reporter David Shepardson started his report with this caution:

"The vehicles owned by the Obama administration's auto team could reflect one reason why Detroit's Big Three automakers are in trouble: The list includes few new American cars."

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geitner, co-chair of the task force and trigger man for the White House, for example, owns a 2008 Honda Acura, his third Honda in a row.

Lawrence Summers, White House economic advisor and task force co-chair, owns a 1995 Mazda,

but previously owned a Ford Taurus.

Federal Budget Director Peter Orszag owns a 2008 Honda and a 2006 Volvo, and Carol Browner, White House climate specialist, used to own a 1999 Saab.

And so it goes, down the list of task force members and top advisors, rife with Hondas, Toyotas, Volvos, Lexus (Lexi?), Subaru, even a Peugeot.

American cars included only a Lincoln and a Saturn by one staffer, a Harley and a Taurus by another, a Chevy (along with a Toyota) by another, and a Taurus by another.

PRESIDENT OBAMA has a much better home-owned record. During the campaign, according to the *News* story, he traded in a Chrysler for a Ford Escape hybrid.

Vice President Joe Biden owns a vintage Corvette, but

for years has commuted from his Delaware home by train.

This pattern of vehicle ownership is not unique to Washington big-shots. The same pattern across the public is probably the primary reason GM and Chrysler need outside money in the first place.

Sales do not support the American car-making business as usual.

It's obvious the auto industry must change from the past, and it has been changing step by step over the past several years.

Whether the makeover can be fast enough and severe enough to satisfy the inter-agency task force is yet to be decided.

The future of Michigan's basic bread-and-butter industry for so many years may not rest in the hands of the leaders at General Motors, Chrysler and Ford, but rather in the hands of

task force co-chairs Timothy Geitner and Lawrence Summers, and what they decide is best for the companies and for us.

If it gets down to the White House calling the shots, remember that as a candidate, President Barack Obama sent out the warning a couple of years ago.

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• What is the speed of dark?

• On the other hand, you have different fingers.

• A clear conscience usually is the sign of a bad memory.

• If you think nobody cares, try missing a few payments.

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Letters to the Editor

We need tough laws and penalties to kill the deed, not the breed

To the editor:

Being the owner of several pit bull dogs over the years, I am disgusted at some of the comments I have read and heard about the breed in the past few years. I applaud those who are educated and knowledgeable about the breed and dogs in general because the fact is this: when it comes to all breeds, all dogs and their temperaments are direct results of what is taught to them by their owners. When it comes to people, stupid is as stupid does.

Opening your mouth to say something you are uneducated and unknowledgeable about only makes you look ignorant and stupid in the eyes of the facts.

Years ago, my son received five stitches after being bitten by a cocker spaniel. One and a half years ago my daughter was bitten and injured in the leg by a herding dog while walking in the country by a farm. My cousin was bitten by a French poodle and received many stitches for God's sake. I could go on and on.

Hmmm, except I can't tell you of one incident that I know where a vicious bite occurred to someone that I know and a pit bull was involved. I have owned and have been around fellow pit bull owners for the last 30 years.

They say we learn something new every day. If you take pride in learning and enjoy sticking your input into a conversation and not looking like an idiot, here's an informative lesson in a nutshell for your knowledge bank today. It's easy to say, easy to remember,

and you'll look really smart when it flows from your mouth.

Pit bulls by nature love humans and literally live to make them happy. They absolutely thrive on pleasing their owners with intelligence, loyalty and love. They are not aggressive by nature. They are taught aggression by the injection of idiot owners into their lives. Get yourself a pit bull. Hug him, play with him and feed him well every day. Take the time to teach him tricks and obedience. Show him with love and respect, the reasons that you deserve his loyalty and protection. At the end of the day, take off his collar and give him neck rubbings and ear scratchings while you tuck him in for the night, as with any dog, and you will have the biggest spoiled baby on your hands. Will he show aggression if someone tries to harm you or your children? Of course, so will your cocker spaniel, your poodle or your Chihuahua.

God made beautiful creatures of all kinds, each of them without a flaw. The greed and cruelty of man took these beautiful and loyal creatures and used them for their own sick pleasure and monetary gain. It's people who have created the bad rap for the pit bull. It's really too bad we can't euthanize some of them. Since we can't, let's at least try to educate ourselves and euthanize ignorance from our minds. We need tough laws and penalties to kill the deed, not the breed.

Lorilei Bassett
Grayling

It's not just one road, it's all of them

To the editor:

I'd like to address the letter about Four Mile Road being in such bad shape.

If you think your road is bad, drive down Old 27 going north or south, from the Moose Lodge to Houghton Lake.

We, the residents of Beaver Creek who use this road on a daily basis, have learned to drive the ditch

line, because it's in better shape than the roadway itself. We used to be able to drive South Grayling Road to avoid using Old 27, but that road is bad too.

If you want another bumper car ride, try Fletcher Road between South Grayling Road and Military Road. It's not just one road, it's all of them.

Our county does as much

as it can with the money it receives for such repairs, and unfortunately that amount is none.

It's not like you're being picked on because you have a bad road, go for a drive elsewhere, there are some of us who drive on roads worse than yours.

Billie Jo Miller
Grayling

Another success for Grayling

To the editor:

The Sopranos Three, a dinner series of the Grayling Promotional Association (GPA), which was held at our own Ramada Inn showcased three talented, lovely ladies who charmed the audience with their vivacious program of operatic and Broadway selections were

enjoyed by all who attended.

We were not only entertained, we were served a great meal. Altogether it was a great night out in our town.

The next program in the GPA series will be Rich Ridenour & Son, on Thursday, March 12 at 7 p.m., at our high school.

They will be performing the classics, American popular music, jazz ragtime and comedy too.

I hope that more people will take advantage of this opportunity to see a live performance in their own town. I hope to see you there.

Rose Mary Nelson
Grayling

What Do You Think?

The Crawford County Avalanche welcomes its readers to comment on news, features, and opinion articles – including letters to the editor and Richard Milliman's weekly Almanack column – on our Internet site at www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com.

To express an opinion on a news, feature, or op-ed article, click on a story and scroll down to the "What do you think?" header (it's highlighted with a red color bar). Fill in your name and type your comments in the area provided, and click the "Post Comment" icon when finished. Existing comments are listed between the "What do you think?" header and the area to post new comments. Readers are also welcome to respond to comments posted by other readers.

All comments are subject to approval by Crawford County Avalanche management prior to publication on our Internet site. Comments are limited to 200 words.

Excerpts from recent comments posted on our Internet site:

Leanne wrote on Jan. 22 (regarding pit bull issue): "I see nothing but a waste of time and tax-

payers' money by continuing this case against non-vicious dogs. These dogs are obviously very loved and treated well. They have been evaluated by two different professionals, who agreed they are not vicious. The owners have complied by fixing the problem. How dare the county take it upon themselves to play God. Give the dogs back to their owners, where they belong. This whole case stinks of personal vendettas."

Watching wrote on Jan. 22 (regarding pit bull issue): "This is absurd! The first thing that pops into my mind is the obscene amount of money and time being wasted on this case. Why ask for professional opinions on the dogs' behavioral issues if not accepting the findings? Also another waste. In addition to these dogs being denied another chance, what about the space they're taking at the shelter that could be housing other animals that truly need help?"

Naomi wrote on Jan. 25 (regarding pit bull issue): "I'm a pit bull owner. They are the sweetest things ever. Don't discriminate on one breed. They are wasting time and money. I lived next door to these dogs and never once had I

felt threatened."

JS wrote on Feb. 6 (regarding theme park): "It is easy to say let's work together, but not that easy to roll up your sleeves and work. There were plenty of people opposed to the theme park that had wrong information and did not even bother to understand the whole project. Agree or disagree, at least it was movement in a positive direction of growth. I hope other potential developers are not scared away because of the negativity. We do have to work together, but we need someone willing to bring a project to us and we have to be open to new ideas, some that might be difficult for us to accept. My suggestion is to form a group, join a committee, try to do something to help our community, not just sit on the sidelines and observe."

Fred wrote on Feb. 20 (regarding city blight cases): "It is about time the two biggest eyesores will be cleaned up, this will also serve notice to others that property must be kept up and in order. The city also needs to consider establishing a set of standards for rental properties. The residential district is looking rundown, time to clean it up."

<http://www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com>

Briefs

Vintage base ball club to hold meeting

The Hartwick Pines Swampers vintage base ball club will hold a meeting on Feb. 26, at 7 p.m. at the Visitor Center, for anyone interested in playing this season. For more information, contact Rob Burg at 989-348-2537, or e-mail at burg@michigan.gov.

Benefit dinner to be held

A benefit spaghetti dinner will be held for the Lewis Brown family, whose home was destroyed by fire, on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Bear Lake Christian Church. The church is located 12 miles east of Kalkaska on M-72 on the corner of E. Bear Lake Road. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$4 for ages 4 - 12 and under age 3 are free. Spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert and drinks will be served.

GMS to hold parent workshop

During the Feb. 27, GMS Activity Night, parents have the opportunity to attend a Parent Workshop focusing on Adolescent Anger. The parent program will run from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the GMS Media Center. Vickie Green, licensed professional counselor, will be the presenter. Ms. Green works with youth and families on issues such as separation and divorce, grief and loss, anxiety and depression, anger and violence and sexual abuse. This workshop is free and registration is appreciated. Call 989-344-3562 to register.

State retirees to hold meeting

The regular monthly meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held on Tuesday, March 3, at the Houghton Lake Community Building at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are invited.

Blood drives to be held

The American Red Cross will hold two local blood drives in March. The first one will be held on Wednesday, March 4, at Grayling High School, 1135 North Old 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. and is sponsored by the Grayling High School Student Senate. A blood drive will be held on Thursday, March 5, at the Frederic Elementary School, 6470 Manistee Rd., from noon to 5:45 p.m. and is sponsored by the Frederic community.

Angelfood distribution announced

Angelfood distribution will be Saturday, Feb. 28, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Grayling Free Methodist Church. Lunch will be served to celebrate the first anniversary.

Historical Museum to hold meeting

The Crawford County Historical Museum will hold their regular monthly board meeting on Tuesday, March 3, at 7 p.m. at the Grayling City Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

4-H to offer science workshop

The Crawford County 4-H is offering a science after-school workshop on Thursday, March 5, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Nature Center. This is for students in the fourth through eighth grade who like playing with slime, goop, gels and sand. You need to pre-register for this event at the MSU Extension office in the basement of the courthouse. The cost is \$15 and includes the yearly 4-H registration fee. For more information, call 344-3266 or 344-3264.

Lottery opens for a chance to run the Mackinac Bridge

Michigan residents can now register for the annual lottery that selects 300 participants for the Mackinac Bridge Labor Day Run. Runners will be selected from the online lottery in June.

The Bridge Run encourages Michigan residents to "get moving" by spending the summer training for the five-mile course. Farm Bureau Insurance sponsors the non-competitive run and the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness organizes the event in collaboration with the Mackinac Bridge Authority and the Governor's Office.

"The running fraternity has a strong presence in Michigan. We are pleased to offer this unique opportunity for those who know the tremendous benefit of healthy choices. They are a great influence on our sedentary population," said Marilyn Lieber, president and CEO of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness.

For more information about the Mackinac Bridge Labor Day Run or to register for the lottery, visit <http://www.michiganfitness.org/bridgerun.html>.

Of the 300 participants in the event, 12 individuals will be chosen to act as "fitness ambassadors." They will serve as role models for developing a healthy lifestyle through physical activity and receive special recognition at the Bridge Run.

To be eligible for the lottery, individuals must be at least 18 years of age, (proper ID for proof of age required), a Michigan resident, able to complete a five-mile run and have participated in at least one running event endorsed by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness between June 1, 2008, and May 31, 2009. To find an endorsed event in your area, visit www.michiganfitness.org/endorsements.

The Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports and the Michigan Fitness Foundation envision a physically educated population with the knowledge and skills to enjoy a healthy, vigorous and safe lifestyle in communities designed to support physical activity. For more information, visit www.michiganfitness.org.

Pictionary Olympics scheduled

The Grayling Promotional Association's 22nd annual Pictionary Olympics will be held on Friday, April 17, in the social hall of the Grayling Eagles Club.

Teams from area businesses, service clubs, Red Hat groups and such will be competing for the first place trophy.

In 2008, the team from Weyerhaeuser was the champion, followed closely by Riverland and Heads Up North. There is always heavy competition between the teams, with bribes for the judges, cheering sections, and last but not least, the first place trophy appearing to be "stolen" yet again. This trophy has miraculously appeared around town throughout the year, and will most certainly arrive unscathed at the event.

Pictionary is a game

where team members come up individually and draw a likeness of the word clue that they have been given. The other three members race against the one minute timer to guess what the word is. Cleverness has a lot more to do with it than drawing ability, although such words as "twist," "Oregon" and "overturn" really stumped the team that drew those words. J. Dap held the record for four seconds for the word "crown."

Snack food and a cash bar will be available. Admission is \$2 for non-team members. All proceeds from this event go towards the Grayling Promotional Association's sponsored projects and donations to the community.

For more information or to get an application, call Jeddy at 348-7760.

MDOT offers civil engineering internships and scholarships

High school seniors graduating in 2009 can now apply for paid summer internship positions with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). Upon completion of the seven-week program, students will receive a \$2,500 scholarship to one of the seven participating civil engineering colleges or universities of their choice.

The Transportation and Civil Engineering (TRAC) Pipeline Internship program is designed to interest high school students in transportation and civil engineering careers. MDOT is offering the Pipeline program to help students learn about civil engineering through a series of assignments, under the direction of a civil engineer, selected to aid in career decision making. "The TRAC Pipeline Internship Program is a great opportunity for interested students to work alongside MDOT civil engineers to learn more about the rewards and challenges of a career in civil engineering," said MDOT Director Kirk T. Steudle.

MDOT is offering 15 TRAC Pipeline internship positions throughout the state. Students will be paid \$10 per hour and will receive the \$2,500 scholarship upon successful completion. The internship positions are 40 hours per week,

beginning June 15 and ending July 31, 2009.

To be eligible, students must be 17-years-old, be a graduating high school senior and have attended a class which used a TRAC program module.

For more information or to apply, visit the Michigan TRAC Program Web site at www.michigan.gov/mdot-trac, or contact Julie Van Portfliet by e-mail at vanportflietj@michigan.gov or by phone at 906-786-1830, ext. 317.

Raffle Winners

Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle for Feb. 20 was L. Hagon.

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AuSable Valley
Animal Shelter

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Is the shelter run by Crawford County?

A: No. Crawford County contracts with AuSable Valley Animal Shelter, a 501c3 nonprofit organization, to manage the shelter and receive the stray dogs picked up by the county's Animal Control Officer and law enforcement. The shelter receives \$1,000 per month to care for up to 15 dogs brought in per month. The shelter receives no county funds for animals brought in by the general public, which accounts for about 2/3 of all animals brought to the shelter each year.

Q: Does the Animal Control Officer work at the shelter?

A: No. The Animal Control Officer is an employee of Crawford County and has an office in the county building in Grayling. Any concerns about the Animal Control Officer should be addressed to County Controller Paul Compo at 344-3202 or your County Commissioner.

Q: Where can I find information on our county animal ordinance and other laws that apply to pet ownership?

A: The Crawford County Animal Ordinance is available at the county building or you can find it online at <http://www.crawfordco.org/Ordinances/acol004.htm>. You may find the State of Michigan's Dangerous Animals Act 426 of 1988 and other animal related laws at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov>. Any concerns about the county ordinance should be addressed to your County Commissioners. Write or call your state legislators with regard to state laws.

Q: Who decides when a privately owned animal is to be quarantined, held at the shelter or euthanized?

A: This question is best answered by reading the county ordinance. The shelter is only involved in animal control issues when an animal is ordered by the court to be held until a final decision is made as to its disposition. In those cases, the shelter serves only as a holding place. The staff gives the same loving care and consideration to these animals as they would any others. The staff may be asked to testify in court as to the behavior or temperament of the animal as observed while in the shelter's care. Under the current contract with Crawford County, the shelter receives only \$50 per month for each animal held by court order. There is no contract for quarantine services at the shelter without a court order.

Q: Who should I call if there is a stray dog or cat in my area?

A: For ALL animal control problems, call 344-3273. Call 911 ONLY if there is an emergency. It is NOT an emergency if you are just reporting a stray animal, unless it is threatening public safety or the animal is injured. Calling the shelter to report such a problem only delays the process as the shelter staff is not equipped to pick up stray animals of any kind. There is no provision in the county ordinance for stray cats or kittens, therefore the shelter receives no funding for their intake or care except through private donations.

It is very important for the public to understand there is a difference between county funded services and those that rely heavily on donations and adoption fees. AuSable Valley Animal Shelter strives to serve this community and its pets in the best way possible with the resources available.

5786 Fairground Lane ~ P.O. Box 384 ~ Grayling, MI 49738-0384

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The Bible Speaks

God's Love Gives Victory

God's love is greater than all circumstances which challenge us. "37Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." (Romans 8:37). Don't forget the context of "these things" in Romans 8:35,36: "35Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." God's love toward us is greater than any and all circumstances we may ever face no matter how severe the tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril or sword. Nay means no, none of these things can separate us from God's love.

Second, God's love is greater than all conquerors we may ever face. "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors...." We are more than conquerors, we are victors, we are overcomers, we have vanquished the foe, we have gained decisive victories. We have more than overcome all famine because we shall eat of the "tree of life" in Revelation 2:7, and we shall eat of "the hidden

manna" in Revelation 2:17. We are more than overcomers in nakedness because we know "we shall be clothed in white raiment" in Revelation 3:5. We know we shall overcome death because "we shall not be hurt of the second death" in Revelation 2:11. 1 Corinthians 15:54,55 assures us of eternal victory over death. We know we shall overcome all tribulation, distress, and persecution because we shall be given "power over all nations" in Revelation 2:26. We know we shall overcome all earthly humiliation because we shall be exalted to the throne in God's temple with Christ to reign in Revelation 3:12 and 3:21. We know we shall overcome all earthly losses because "7He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." (Rev 21:7). Heb 9:15 gives us "the promise of eternal inheritance." In 1 Peter 1:4,5 we are assured to go, "4To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 5Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

Third, God's love is greater than all that challenges us because of Jesus Christ. "37Nay, in all these

things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." Every means or method of our victory is "through Him." "57But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 15:57). All motivation for our victory is through His love for us, "through Him that loved us." ".....Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood." (Rev. 1:5). "16For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16).

God's victorious love for us is all by His grace alone: "8But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom. 5:8). "10Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 19We love him, because he first loved us." (1 John 4:9,10). "Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!" Pastor "B"

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Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Feb. 27 - Lunch - chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables and red grapes. No Dinner. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Monday, March 2 - Lunch - sloppy Joe on a bun, O'Brien potatoes, broccoli, cole slaw and mandarin oranges. Dinner - meatloaf, mashed potatoes, cauliflower and orange sections. 9:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. Back On Duty, 1 p.m. Bridge, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. hearing clinic.

Tuesday, March 3 - Lunch - beef tips with noodles, Brussels sprouts, carrots and pears. Dinner - original fried chicken, oven roasted potatoes, broccoli and grapefruit sections. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes and Bible Study, 12:30 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, March 4 - Lunch - chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes and fresh fruit salad. Dinner - pork chop, marshmallow sweet potatoes, peas, California vegetable blend, sliced apples and pudding. 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. commodities at St. Mary's, 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool league, 5:30 p.m. Cardio.

Thursday, March 5 - Lunch - lasagna with meat sauce, Italian blend vegetables, breadsticks, beets and plums. Dinner - smoked sausage with sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, carrots and peaches. 10 a.m. craft class, 12 p.m. NARFE meeting, 2 p.m. UNO Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Range Firing

Small Arms Ranges, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek, March 7 - 8.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), March 6 - 8.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number is 989-348-6371. For further information, call 989-344-6100.

87TH DISTRICT COURT

Sentencings for January 2009

Hon. Monte J. Burmeister

Thomas Daniel Curtis, age 57 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 20, 2009, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$260 in fines or serve 22 days in jail; placed on probation for 59 days.

Pamela Litzenberg, age 53 of Grand Blanc - Sentenced on Jan. 27, 2009, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$320 in fines.

Timothy John Jones, age 29 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 13, 2009, for controlled substance possession of marijuana; ordered to serve three days in jail; ordered to pay \$1,120 in fines or serve 122 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

Shawn Vanluchene, age 25 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 22, 2009, for no valid license in possession; ordered to pay \$125 in fines.

Michael John Harris, age 33 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 13, 2009, for disorderly person/drunken; ordered to pay \$815 in fines or serve 81 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

Dana Mark Sutton, age 54 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 27, 2009, for domestic violence; ordered to pay \$1,020 in fines or serve 93 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

Kim Annette Kelly, age 40 of Gaylord - Sentenced on Jan. 6, 2009, for disorderly person/drunken; ordered to pay \$755 in fines or serve 90 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

Ryan Anderson Procuier, age 20 of Prudenville - Sentenced on Jan. 30, 2009, for failure to display a valid license; ordered to pay \$125 in fines or serve 12 days in jail.

Sunset Marie Cook, age 32 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Jan. 6, 2009, for non-sufficient funds check under \$100; ordered to pay \$205 in fines and \$382 in restitution or serve 58 days in jail.

Kellie Teresa Thorpe, age 20 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 27, 2009, for disturbance of the peace; ordered to pay \$745 in fines or serve 74 days in jail; placed on probation for 362 days.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 79 complaints the week of Feb. 16 - Feb. 22.

Twenty-five general non-criminal complaints, four false alarm activations, four assault/intimidation/stalkings, two larcenies, one illegal use of credit card, one damage to property, three public peace/disorderlies, one operating while intoxicated, two health and safeties, two miscellaneous criminal offenses, one miscellaneous arrest, 15 traffic accidents, one traffic police,

Allen Lewis Sperry, age 49 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 6, 2009, for improper use of license plate; ordered to pay \$115 in fines or serve 11 days in jail.

Joshua Michael Cook, age 17 of Frederic - Sentenced on Jan. 6, 2009, for retail fraud third-degree and alcohol-purchase/consume/possess by minor; ordered to pay \$1,035 in fines and \$32.26 in restitution or serve 93 days in jail; placed on probation for 362 days.

Kristin Marie Laur, age 23 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Jan. 13, 2009, for drugs/false prescription; ordered to pay \$1,245 in fines or serve 90 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

John Edward Wejrowski Jr., age 42 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 6, 2009, for controlled substance possession of marijuana; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$770 in fines or serve 77 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

Michael Bradley Ritter, age 27 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 27, 2009, for counterfeiting-identifying marks; ordered to serve 61 days in jail; ordered to pay \$1,230 in fines or serve 123 days in jail; placed on probation for 181 days.

Helen Ann Zea, age 30 of Black Creek - Sentenced on Jan. 6, 2009, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$220 in fines or serve 22 days in jail.

Magistrate Camarin Talarico

Russell Edward Tepatti, age 44 of Prudenville - Sentenced on Jan. 7, 2009, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$220 in fines or serve 22 days in jail.

Jordan David Piehl, age 17 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 7, 2009, for person under 21 purchase/consume/possess liquor; ordered to pay \$335 in fines; placed on probation for 90 days.

Anthony Steven Defranco, age 20 of Grayling - Sentenced on Jan. 21, 2009, for person under 21 purchase/consume/possess liquor; ordered to pay \$525 in fines; placed on probation for 181 days.

ing, one traffic safety public appearance, one hazardous condition, five inspections/investigations-property, one lost and found property, two family troubles-domestic, six suspicious situations and one driving violation/driving while license suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to www.crawfordsheriff.org.

Card of Thanks

My family and I would like to thank the Grayling Lioness Club, the Grayling Lions Club and the Grayling Leo Club for their donations in the purchase of the AED for the AuSable Primary School.

For months now we have been dealing with some scary things with our daughter and knowing that

the AuSable Primary is equipped with this safety device gives us some peace of mind. We would also like to thank the AuSable Primary School staff for their efforts and support through all of this. We truly cannot thank you enough.

Sincerely,
Anne Blair and Family

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Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
(989) 732-7001
Sunday Service 10:30 am
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2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 pm
Sunday School 10:30 am

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Pastor: Dr. William A. Cargo
400 Michigan Ave. - (989) 348-2974
www.umc-umc.org - Barrier Free
Traditional Service 9 am
Coffee Hour 10 am
Sunday School (preschool-3rd grade) 11 am
Adult Sunday School 10 am
Praise & Worship Service 11 am
(Childcare Available)

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor: David Jorgensen
(989) 348-1909
Services held Saturday at Camp Ausable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance)
Saturday Church Service 9:30 am
Saturday Sabbath School 10:30 am
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

Lovells Community Chapel
(Bible based and non-denominational)
Pastor: Larry Hankins
8133 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells
(989) 348-2701
Sunday School (youth & adult) 10 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Web Prayer & Bible Study 7-8 pm

Grayling Free Methodist
Pastor: Rick Seoud
6652 M-72 West - (989) 348-9093
Early Service 8:30 am
Sunday School 10 am
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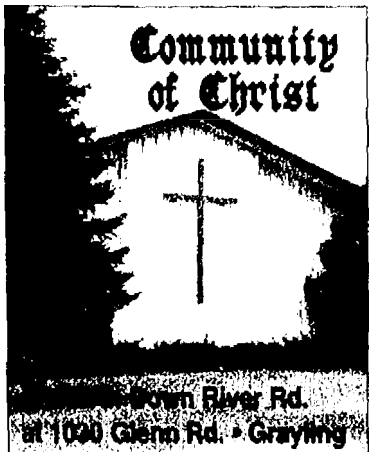
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County board finalizes bonding for courthouse improvements, senior center

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to existing seniors, a variety of services to the younger senior population and services that emerging Baby Boomers will demand.

The COA board, at a special board meeting last week, voted 4 to 2 to request that the fish hatchery building be used for the senior center and the county board approve a notice for the funding. The COA is contributing \$200,000 toward the relocation from its building fund.

The COA vote was supported by Chairman Jack Mahank, County Commissioner Mike Lange, and board members Linda Munsey and Helen Nolan. Board members Dean McCray and Don Williams cast no votes against the fish hatchery option. Howard Taylor, vice chairman of the COA board, did not attend the meeting.

Williams also cast the sole no vote in a 5 to 1 vote against building a new senior center. The COA board was eyeing property east of the AuSable River and north of North Down River Road and also property off of Madsen Street as potential senior center sites.

Williams, a retired engineer, said he needed more time to study both options. He added that he also did not want to take a site away for a potential Mercy Hospital Grayling expansion.

"I knew all the facts, but I hadn't gelled them all together yet," Williams said.

Lange said that moving the senior center to the fish hatchery fits perfectly with the medical renaissance zone that City of Grayling and Mercy Hospital

Grayling officials are touting.

"I don't really have a problem with taking an asset that we already have and rehabbing that," Lange said. "I think the COA being in that location melds with that idea."

Although the COA has about two months to develop final building plans for the fish hatchery building, Director Alice Snyder said she is pleased that the building search process has been kicked up a notch.

"It's exciting to know that we've got the potential for some funding to move this project forward," Snyder said.

In 1914, Grayling lumber baron Rasmus Hanson purchased land on the AuSable River, collected donations from friends and local fishermen and established the private hatchery where they hoped to raise grayling from eggs and release them into the wild.

Hanson and his friends failed to save the native fish, whose habitat was destroyed by floating logs down the river to local lumber mills, but their work with brook and brown trout succeeded.

The initial fish hatchery building was built in 1919, but was destroyed by a fire. The current fish hatchery building was built in 1948.

Over the past six years, over \$500,000 in Department of Natural Resources grant funds, United States Department of Agriculture grant funds and local donations have been poured into restoring the fish hatchery grounds and preparing the building for a future use.

The Grayling Fish

Hatchery Steering committee hopes to establish a small nature museum in the building.

Crawford County Administrator Paul Compo said the county's bond council advised officials to separate notices for the projects rather than going for one lump sum. That way, the notices are clarified for county residents, Compo said.

The notices also inform county residents of a 45-day referendum on the bond sale proposal. If 10 percent of registered voters in the county sign petitions protesting the bond sale, the financing measure would have to be placed on a ballot to be decided by voters. Compo said that the county board could also pull one of the projects if enough objections are raised by citizens.

Dave Stephenson, chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, said going for the bonding for the two projects at the same time could save the county between \$20,000 and \$30,000. County officials are also hoping to get a favorable interest rate, which would allow lower payments over a greater number of years to fit within the county's annual budget.

Stephenson said the board was basically shopping for funding for the two projects at this point.

"We would have the funds to cover both projects," Stephenson said. "If the citizens disagree, they would have the option to speak their peace so-to-speak, so we will see what they have to say."

The vote for the county

building face-lift, which has been a priority due to ADA compliance concerns, passed by a unanimous vote. County officials hope to start construction for the project in June.

The vote to relocate the senior center to the fish hatchery building passed by a 6 to 1 vote with Commissioner Rick Anderson casting the lone no vote.

Anderson, whose wife Nova Anderson was the director of the COA for 15 years, said the Grayling Senior Center is near and dear to his heart. Anderson, who said he utilizes senior center services, said that accessibility, visibility and meeting the seniors' long-term needs were other issues he had as a representative of county taxpayers.

Ultimately, Anderson said he favored building a new senior center and keeping the fish hatchery site open to future use by the hospital or medical offices.

"I wasn't so much concerned with the dollars, I just thought they could be more economically spent in another location," Anderson said. "With zero from the ground up, you know what you're getting."

Finding a new home for District Health Department #10 was removed from the projects considered by the county board. The current health department is 1,700 square feet and health officials are requesting at least 4,000 square feet of space to provide adequate services and multiple health clinics for families and children.

"That problem is not going away and it's something that we still need to address," Compo said.

Commissioners ready to let ORV ordinance roll

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except in cases of gross negligence. Even then, the limited liability would end at the edge of the normally traveled portion of the road - the painted white line or edge of the black top. In the event of an accident, the operator of the ORV or ATV would be considered negligent for the damage.

Fines collected under the act would be placed in a county ORV fund, with 50 percent of the funds going to the county sheriff's office to fund law enforcement and training, and the remaining funds going to the county road commission to pay for signage and remediation purposes.

The county would be permitted to create a civil infraction for a violation of the act, with a fine not to exceed \$500 plus the actual cost of any court ordered remediation for damages.

Under the state law, the Crawford County Road Commission and the townships can opt to close 30 percent of the roads in their jurisdiction from ORV travel.

Hanson said he is seeking final input from the Crawford County Road Commission, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Forest Service and six townships in the county on roads that may need to be closed off under the ordinance. A letter will be sent to each governmental unit from Dave Stephenson, chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, seeking maps and areas of concern. The deadline for input is Thursday, March 27.

"If they don't reply, it would be my intention that we open all available roads," Hanson said.

Don Babcock, managing director of the Crawford County Road Commission, said road officials have seen

a couple of maps with roads that could be opened under the proposal. He added that road commissioners do have some safety concerns regarding ORVs on the county's primary road, roads that have curves and roads that have sight distance issues.

"We'll do the best we can with whatever program or proposal they have us work with," Babcock said.

Hanson said that the road commission would contract

with the county board to put up signs regarding the ORV ordinance.

Hanson hopes that the ordinance will boost business for Grayling hotels, restaurants and gas stations and create more opportunities for local ORV enthusiasts.

Earlier this month, officials in neighboring Kalkaska County approved an ORV ordinance that becomes effective on April 1.

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Even though we're nine years into the 21st Century, there are still some household items that can't be recycled. However, the proper disposal of non-recyclable items also plays a role in helping the environment.

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In 1989, a school in New Jersey was closed because students were suffering from exposure to a hazardous substance called chromium. It turns out that large quantities of the chemical had been illegally dumped nearby.

Fortunately, it's easy to properly dispose of hazardous wastes in Crawford County. A collection of hazardous waste materials will be held on June 20 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the parking lot of the county building.

When the time comes around for spring cleaning this year, don't be too hasty to chuck hazardous materials. Hold onto these items until they can be disposed properly.

Common household hazardous wastes include cleaning chemicals, certain paints, automotive fluids, empty propane tanks and gas cans, pesticides, wood preservatives, heavy-duty glue and epoxy.

Electronic wastes can also be hazardous. Common household electronic wastes might include old TVs, batteries and computer parts such as monitors, hard drives, printers and scanners. These items will also be accepted this year.

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Medical marijuana law to kick in soon

by Joe Vaillancourt
Capital News Service

Your arm hurts pretty bad. And since the Proposal 1 ballot initiative passed in the November elections, you're thinking this might be the chance to get legally prescribed marijuana to ease your pain.

Think again. Marijuana remains far from legal, and loopholes in the new law may create problems down the road, law enforcement and health officials said.

The initiative, which allows physicians to recommend marijuana permits for patients with specific diseases, takes effect April 4, said Department of Community Health (DCH) Director Janet Olszewski.

"The law called for us to draft administrative rules that would give clear guidance for how we were implementing the program," she said. "We have revised

the rules and we are moving them through the final implementation process."

She said the department will issue registration cards to eligible patients or their caregivers to grow or possess marijuana. It will also provide guidance to physicians about their role.

"They will not be prescribing medical marijuana. They will be certifying an individual as having a condition for using it," she said.

Melanie Brim, director of the department's Bureau of Health Professions, emphasized the initiative does not make marijuana legal.

"What the bill does is give patients with specific debilitating medical conditions the ability to apply for a registration card, which allows them to possess a certain number of ounces or plants," Brim said. "It is not a prescription. It is still illegal in Michigan to sell it. It is still a federal crime to distribute marijuana."

"What the ballot initiative does not do is provide an avenue by which you can acquire marijuana. For consumers, that is still a major issue."

The DCH lists eligible debilitating conditions such as cancer, HIV, AIDS, glaucoma, hepatitis C, Crohn's disease and chronic or severe pain.

The initiative does not say where an eligible patient could obtain marijuana.

"The problem is that the ballot initiative had a gap in it," said Michigan State Medical Society public relations director Dave Fox. "It doesn't say how to get seeds or ready-to-use marijuana."

Fox also said a patient in severe pain will not want to obtain seeds and wait for them to grow.

Because marijuana is recommended by physicians but still illegal, law enforcement officers are in a bind over penalties for users who

are arrested.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said he expects problems to arise.

"What the legislation thought was necessary is now creating a lot of problems. It is not user-friendly for law enforcement," Wakefield said. "If they're driving and under the influence of marijuana, they're going to jail."

Unlike with alcohol, there is no way to instantly tell how much or how potent marijuana someone has smoked, he said.

Wakefield said urine or blood tests may show positive tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) results from previous use – yet another loophole. THC is the active ingredient in marijuana that gives one the feeling of being "high."

Steven Thompson, executive director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws Michigan chapter in Eastpointe, said urine and blood testing are not accurate procedures for determining impaired driving.

"It should be based on a person's driving performance, not if they have THC in their system," he said. "If someone fails to pass a field sobriety test, then yes, arrest them."

Although marijuana laws have loosened around the country, it is still classified by the federal government as a Schedule I controlled substance along with heroin and ecstasy.

Under federal law, Schedule I substances are deemed to have a high potential for abuse, are not accepted for medical use in the United States and have a general lack of accepted safety by medical institutions.

"Because cannabis was put under Schedule I, people think it's a drug. It's not," said Thompson. "Cannabis is a seed-bearing

herb. Drugs are handmade for the purpose of being drugs."

Mark Steinberg, manager of the DCH's Substance Abuse

Contract Management Section, said, "One of the concerns we have with the medical marijuana law upon us is the general public, particularly young people, not taking marijuana seriously as a drug of abuse."

"It is not a recreational plaything. It can really bite you financially and legally."

With the ballot initiative near finalization, Fox said physicians may be reluctant to issue a registration card to eligible patients.

"Physicians are not necessarily protected if a lawsuit arises," he said. "Also, physicians are scientists and like things to be proven effective. They like dosing and quality control. It puts a doctor in an awkward spot when someone requests medicinal marijuana."

Thompson said he doesn't expect any legal problems to arise with federal government.

"Under our present administration, I don't see any legal problems happening," he said. "Obama said he will not use federal money in lawsuits in states that have allowed medicinal marijuana."

While strongly opposed to smoking, the medical society's Fox said his organization supports more scientific research into the effectiveness of THC.

So before you ask your physician to recommend marijuana to ease the pain of that sore arm, you might want to ask yourself if it's worth the risks that come with it.

"It's unknown at this point how many doctors will recommend marijuana to patients," Fox said. "It could cause some issues. It will be interesting to see how it plays out."

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These third, fourth and fifth grade students were selected by their teachers as being the most outstanding writers in their classrooms for the month of February (From left to right, front row) Mallory Hatfield, Branda O'Berg, JC Adams, Chris Frederick, Parker Learman, Haley Kocefus, Madison Sprtel; (middle row) Megan Oppermann, Brienna Shear, Holly Pummell, Erin Prosser, Brittany Nielson, Kaden Brigham, Ryan Nelson, Blake Gregory; (back row) Jocelyn Hartley, Kaelan O'Toole, Noah Dannenberg, Ashley Branch, Makenna VanAmburg, Noah Kolka. Not pictured, Caleb Fenton.

KCC's president highlights initiatives

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Kirtland Community College's school chief recently updated Crawford County officials on a number of technological, economic development and public safety issues the college is pursuing.

Dr. Tom Quinn, the president of Kirtland Community College, recently visited the Crawford County Board of Commissioners to update them on technological advances and programs that are underway at the college.

Quinn said that college officials are wrapping up red tape for a cellular tower that will be constructed next to the college's existing communications tower.

"It isn't going to benefit everybody in Crawford County, but it will certainly benefit those folks located out there in our direction," Quinn said.

Quinn said that college officials are also working with digital Internet providers in hopes of enhancing Internet services to every resident in the college's four-county service area. Quinn said as many as 1,600 students utilize the college's digital Internet service at any given moment to take online classes.

"If we want world class online programming, we need world class Internet services for everybody," Quinn said.

The college is about to

unveil a web site that would allow small machine manufacturers and welders in the region to link up to generate more business.

"It's an old fashioned farmer's market cooperative is what we like to call it," Quinn said. "The idea is that people can combine their efforts to produce different products."

Quinn said that Michigan Community College Association officials are focused on implementing a state law, recently signed by Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm, which would allow community colleges to provide training to startup businesses and businesses expanding their workforce. Under the law, community colleges could issue bonds to fund the training, and the businesses benefiting from the education would pay funds back to the college to pay off the bonds. Interest paid by the companies would create a pool of money to fund ongoing training efforts.

On the medical front, Kirtland Community College recently began a cardiac stenography program. A surgery technologist program is in the works through the college to help meet Mercy Hospital Grayling's needs. The college has also formed a partnership with Ferris State University to offer medical assistant training.

Last fall, Kirtland Community College added fire science courses to its

police academy.

"We can have officers and firemen that can go out there and work both sides and I think that is a real advantage to our students," Quinn said.

Quinn said the college is exploring the possibility of obtaining grant funding from the U.S. Forest Service to build housing for a wildfire academy. Similar academies exist in northern Minnesota and California. Students in the academy would be called out to national and international wildfires.

"People would come here for specific training and they would go to a wildfire situation when it comes up," Quinn said.

Quinn was hired to serve as Kirtland Community College's president in June 2007. He came to the college after serving as vice president of academic affairs and student services for South Arkansas Community College in El Dorado, Ark. Quinn succeeded Dr. Charles Rorie, who retired after serving as Kirtland's top administrator since 2000.

Crawford County officials noted that the last time a col-

lege administrator visited a Crawford County Board of Commissioners' meeting was in 1999, when officials were seeking support for Kirtland Community College's M-TEC Center. The M-TEC center was built in Gaylord in conjunction with the University Center at Gaylord, a conglomeration of community colleges and universities providing classes in the region.

Quinn thanked Crawford County officials for supporting the college.

"We certainly wouldn't be successful without you," Quinn said. "Our communities that we serve are all very important to us."



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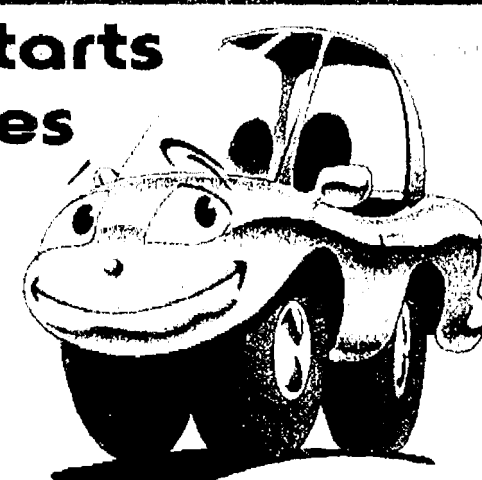
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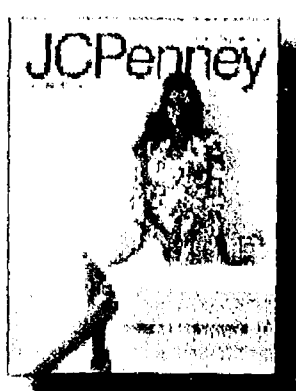
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Heavy snowfall enhances school ski program

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

This week, gym classes at Grayling Elementary School (GES) are thinking outside the dodgeball. Instead, fourth graders are strapping on a pair of skis and hitting the playground in celebration of one of Grayling's most popular winter sports.

Cross country ski classes have been provided to students by a partnership of the Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA) and the Grayling Visitor's Bureau.

This is the second year that GRA has been involved with the cross country ski program at GES.

Ideal snow conditions throughout the week played a role in making the program possible this year.

After a big thaw three weeks ago, ice and bare dirt threatened the state of winter sports throughout the county. Some business owners and winter sports enthusiasts were concerned that the season was dead, but a heavy two-day long winter snowstorm last weekend landed just in time.

According to the Grayling Visitor's Bureau, trails and slopes throughout the area are back in optimal



A group of fourth graders tackle the trails on Monday. The school's cross country ski clinic was bolstered by recent heavy snow that has restored trail systems throughout the county. This group of students was lead by physical education teacher Kelly Sheehan and volunteers from the Grayling Recreation Authority.

condition. This includes one very special cross country ski trail that was just groomed behind the GES building.

The ongoing cross country ski classes have been helped by more than just the snow. This year, the crash course in Nordic navigation has been further streamlined to improve students' outdoor experience.

The classes are now exclusively offered to fourth graders in order to make class sizes more manageable. However, fifth graders with an itch for the outdoors shouldn't feel left out. They still have access to GRA's after-school cross country ski program.

"We're trying to make it so that every kid has the experience to at least try it," said Joni Dunkel, program director for GRA.

GRA employees groomed a classic ski track on the GES playground, providing kids with an easy loop that even includes uphill and downhill portions.

"A lot of these kids have never skied before ... this is



Fourth grader Derick Richardson flies down the trail that was set behind Grayling Elementary School. For some of the students, this was their first time on skis.

their first experience," said physical education teacher Kelly Sheehan.

Although several kids mentioned that they "like downhill better" while they navigated the course on Monday, most of the students had so much fun that they decided to do several loops.

"They look forward to it," Sheehan said.

GES student Derick

Richardson was one of the many students who was happy to spend an hour gliding over the snow.

"It's about having fun, enjoying the outdoors and exercising," he said.

In light of the recent snowfall, it is likely that many local and visiting winter recreation enthusiasts share Richardson's opinion.

"I love it," said Sheehan.

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10-year-old girl gets published in national comic strip

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Perhaps by accident, Grayling residents Jim and Joyce Kolka instilled a life-long love of all things comic related in their son, Kurt. In turn, he passed his passion for the funny pages onto his daughter, Rebekah, who recently had her work published in the nationally syndicated comic strip "Alley Oop."

Not bad for a 10-year-old.

"It really surprised me. I had no idea she was going to do that," said Joyce.

Maybe she shouldn't have been so surprised. Her son, Kurt, has always made a point of turning his love of comics into a fun adventure for his entire family, who currently reside in Gaylord. His wife, Diane, and Rebekah have even accompanied him to comic conventions in Detroit.

Kurt, who occasionally draws and publishes his own comics online, said his parents were inadvertently

responsible for sparking his interest in the funny pages.

"It was a big deal to watch Dad bring home the family newspaper ... it just kind of sparks the imagination at that age," Kurt said.

He said that he and his family still reach for the Sunday comics first.

"We definitely get a newspaper every Sunday," Kurt said. "For my wife and I, it's like a family tradition."

It's a tradition that Rebekah has been happy to enjoy. In fact, every time a comic has a major anniversary, she and her dad write a thank-you note to the publisher.

Alley Oop is a comic about prehistoric cave dwellers that is printed in about 600 newspapers nationwide. When Kurt noticed that the strip's 75th anniversary was on the horizon, he checked the internet for contact information.

It turns out that the strip's creators already had plans for the big anniversary.

"I saw an invitation for

young readers to send a drawing," Kurt said.

The creators of the comic wanted to include dinosaur drawings from kids in a series of special strips.

Rebekah, who is a bit of an artist herself, was happy to take on the challenge. Using a toy as an artistic frame of reference, she drew her own green sauro-pod. Shortly thereafter, her drawing showed up in papers throughout the country.

"We were really, really excited about that," Joyce said.

For Rebekah and her father, the real thrill came when they got a personal thank-you from the comic's makers.

"It was just exciting to hear from some professional cartoonists," Kurt said.

Rebekah, who regularly attends a Gaylord Area Council for the Arts camp, plans to continue pursuing the hobby that was passed down to her by her father.

"Certainly she's planning on doing more with the arts ... for her it's something



Rebekah Kolka is the granddaughter of Grayling residents Jim and Joyce Kolka.

that's very enjoyable to do," Kurt said.

Rebekah's favorite comic strips are "Blondie," "Dennis the Menace," and "Annie." She regularly sends her grandparents drawings for the holidays.

Although Kurt said that his 10-year-old daughter currently aspires to be a teacher, her entire family will continue to encourage her to pursue a hobby in the arts.

"I think it's very educational and fun," Joyce said.

Local girl benefits from AED donation

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

The AuSable Primary School's new automated external defibrillator (AED) was purchased for the benefit of anyone who enters the school. But, for second grader Amairis Blair and her family, the device is of extra special importance.

Amairis, age 7, has been showing the symptoms of an unidentified heart condition since she was in kindergarten.

"Back when she was five, she kind of had a little episode, but nothing really came of it," said her mother, Annie Blair.

In recent months, Amairis has suffered from occasional attacks featuring chest pains, dizziness and general losses of energy.

"She gets real dizzy and sick looking," said Blair.

Doctors confirmed that the symptoms Amairis was experiencing were quite real and potentially quite dangerous.

To the frustration of her parents, Amairis' specific condition has yet to be officially diagnosed. Last year, local doctor Douglas Slater tentatively diagnosed her with paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia (PSVT), which appears

most often in children.

PSVT is basically defined as the occasional occurrence of a rapid heart rate as a consequence of problems with electrical signals in the body that regulate the heart.

Symptoms include anxiety, chest tightness, palpitations, shortness of breath and possible dizziness and fainting.

Although the condition is generally not life threatening, it is possible for an extreme episode to require emergency medical intervention to return the heart rate to normal.

"I just feel so sad because she's constantly at the doctor's," Blair said.

Amairis was also forced to wear a cumbersome heart monitor for a length of time.

"She had a countdown on a calendar for when she could take it off," Blair said.

Concerned for her daughter's safety, Blair spoke to AuSable Primary School (APS) Principal Barbara Mick about securing an AED for possible emergencies.

"She told me, 'I'll look into it,'" Blair said. "I didn't think it would happen so quickly."

She said she was overwhelmed by the generosity of the community members who made the purchase of

the AED possible within such a short stretch of time.

"That was the most wonderful feeling ... I felt like crying," she said.

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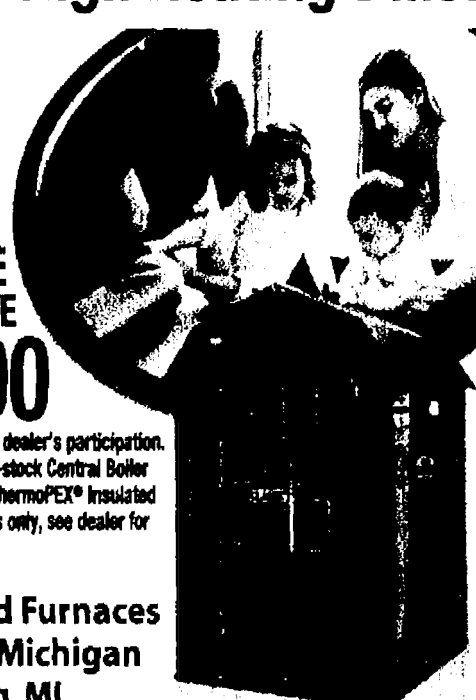
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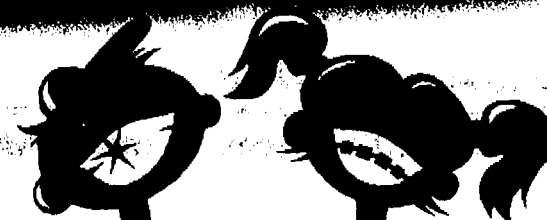
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The American Association of Orthodontics recommends that every child get a checkup with an orthodontist by age 7. Some orthodontic problems are easier to correct if detected sooner rather than later, and early treatment can prevent more severe problems later in life. Without treatment,

teeth problems can lead to tooth decay, gum disease, bone destruction, chew problems and digestive difficulties. A bad bite can contribute to speech impediments, tooth loss, chipped teeth and other dental injuries.

The length of time for a teenager to wear braces varies, but most teens wear them for two years. The time frame depends on the health of the teeth, gums and bones, the severity of the problem, and how closely the patient follows instructions (such as wearing a headgear or a retainer).

Today's braces are different from those of yesteryear. Brackets, the part of the braces that holds the wire, come in traditional metal as well as clear or tooth color. Sometimes, brackets can even be put on the back of the teeth to completely minimize the

appearance of braces. Wires are smaller and more advanced than in the past, straightening teeth even faster.

Because they have a mouth full of wires, braces wearers need to be on top of their dental health. It's important to brush after meals, remove anything lodged in braces and avoid foods that can get stuck in braces like popcorn, gum and hard candy.

True, it's hard to get excited about having wire, rubber bands and other gadgets in your mouth. Braces are definitely not as fun as the prom. But you'll know they were worth any amount of pain they might have caused when you see the end result — a beautiful smile. And that's something that will stick with you longer than that dried-up corsage.

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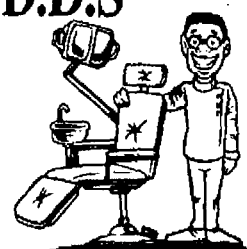
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By William Webb, 7th grade, GMS.

There once was a very hungry chihuahua named Mr. Popo. One day Mr. Popo met a peanut named Mr. P. and, after one look at him, his mouth was watering. Chihuahuas are known for their cleverness as well as their silliness and Mr. Popo was no exception. He decided he would devour that peanut.

Mr. Popo said, "My wife thinks peanuts are inferior to walnuts. I told her that peanuts are better because they make peanut butter. I guess it is no use arguing when we could settle this here and now."

Mr. P. said, "Let's show your wife. Go get two walnuts and I'll get my peanut friend." The two chihuahuas, Mr. Popo and his wife, Rosie, devoured the two walnuts proclaiming that they were the best nuts they had ever eaten.

Discouraged, Mr. P. yelled, "Wait, you didn't even give us a chance," and jumped right into Mr. Popo's mouth.

Mr. Popo swallowed with satisfaction saying, "Mmm, mmm good. That peanut hit the spot." Rosie enjoyed the fellow peanut.

This was not enough to satisfy the very hungry chihuahua, Mr. Popo. We all know chihuahuas have a very fast metabolism. Luckily, Mr. Cocoa, the chocolate pie, was walking by on his way to the pie shop.

Mr. Popo quickly yelled, "I don't think they should even sell chocolate pies. They are not delicious according to the pie scientists."

Now, this made the crust on

Mr. Cocoa burn. "What are you implying?"

Mr. Popo said, "just that you are not delicious. It is not anything I thought up, I read it in Pie Science Monthly."

The chocolate pie, without even considering the consequences, jumped right into Popo's mouth thinking, "dogs can't have chocolate." Little did he know that Mr. Popo was on the cutting edge of science and had already had chocolate immunizations. Mr. Popo swallowed the delicious pie in one gulp.

Still hungry, Mr. Popo met a pineapple. "Hmmm ... Mr. Pine, do you have a minute? I was wondering if you are really part pine and part apple?"

Insulted, Mr. Pine replied.

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apples are more delicious."

"I'll prove to you that I am more delicious!" Mr. Pine said angrily. He jumped into Mr. Popo's mouth just like the delicious dessert and main course before him. With a big gulp, Mr. Popo swallowed yet another victim!

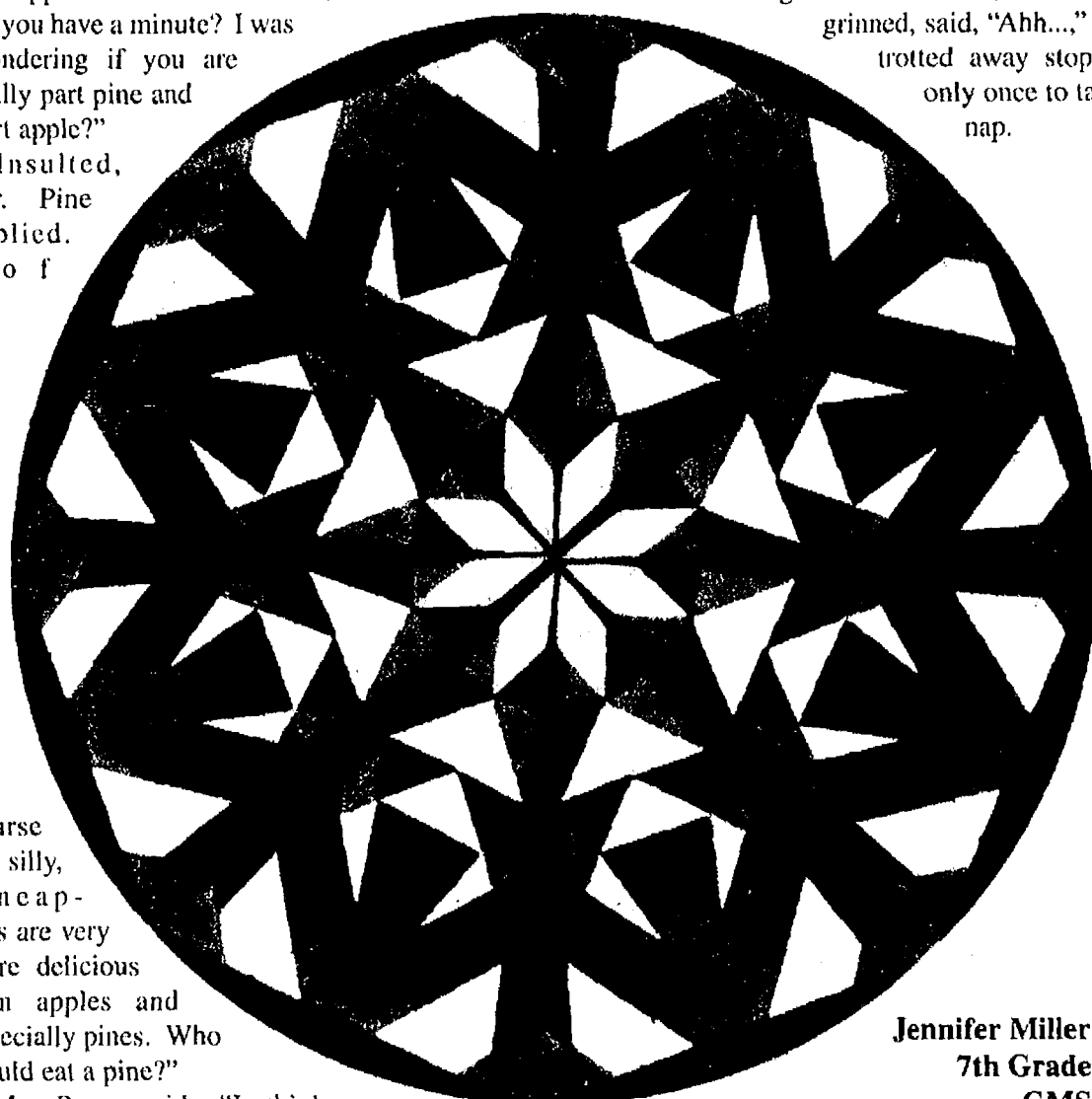
Last, but not least, Mr. Popo, who was now getting full, became quite parched. Luckily, he yawned causing him to see a coconut dangling from a branch high above him yelling, "help me! I'm about to fall and crack my monkey-like head!"

"Don't worry," Mr. Popo

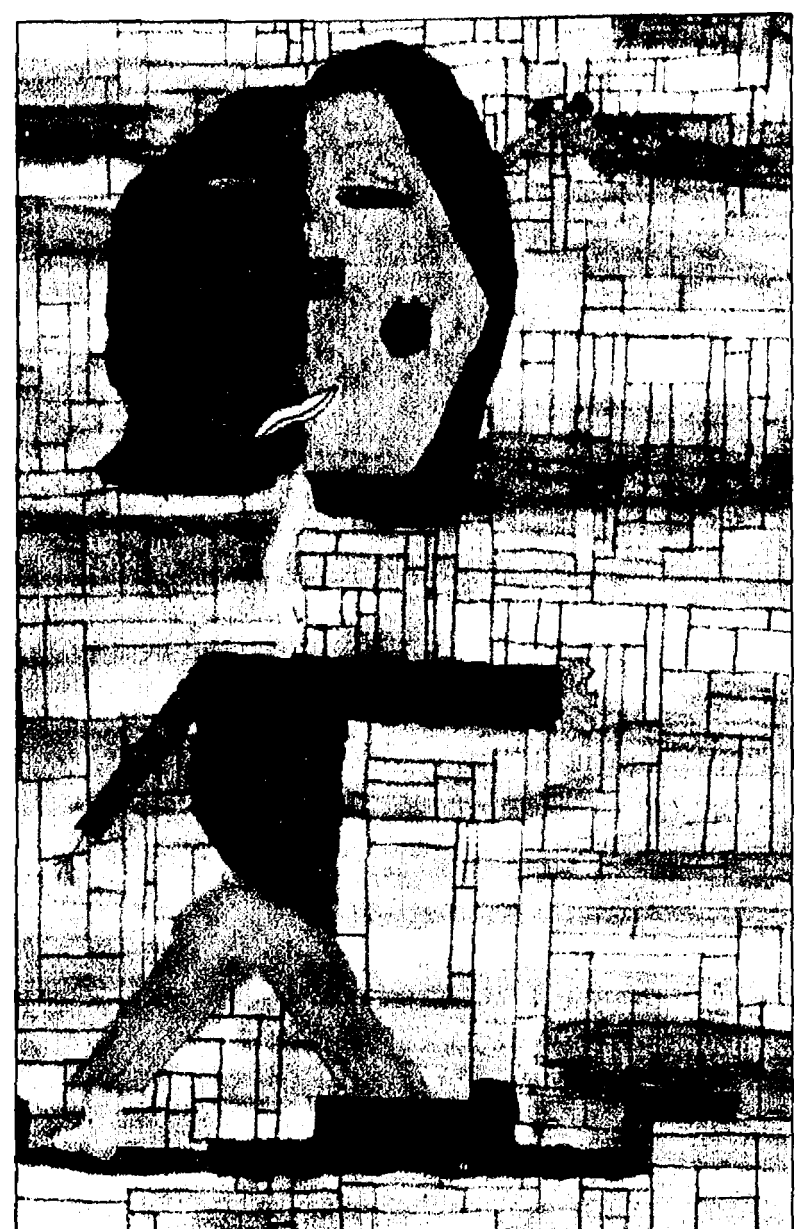
said. "I'll catch you with this net." Mr. Popo tied one end of the net to the tree, held the other, and yelled, "go ahead, jump."

The coconut let go of the tree, falling through about three stories of fear. Upon landing on the net, his fear was gone for a brief second and he sighed in relief. This was not to last long. Coconut's eyes grew big as he saw a metal straw headed straight to his face. At the end of the straw was Mr. Popo greedily slurping fresh coconut milk.

When he finished, like all good chihuahuas, Mr. Popo grinned, said, "Ahh..." and trotted away stopping only once to take a nap.



Jennifer Miller
7th Grade
GMS



Elle Smith, 7th Grade, GMS.

By: Alayna Cobb, Grade 4,
Mrs. Feldhauser's Class,
GES.

Explaining Winter

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*snowmen smiling into your window, watching you feast on Christmas dinner...

*icicles shimmering while gleaming drops of water find their way into freezing to combine itself into such beauty...

*ballet taking form from the cheerfulness of the feet and the gracefulness that slides through the arms...

*children opening their mouths wide, sticking out plump tongues, where the dainty snowflakes slowly melt onto the pinkness...

*ornaments gleaming on the Christmas tree while people circle it, singing in unity and thinking about what is to come the next day.



Jordan Bulmes, 7th Grade, GMS.

By: Sally Metiva, Grade 5
Mrs. Partlo's Class
GES

The Best Ride

One night, my dad was pulling a sled on the back of a four-wheeler. Then I got on the saucer.

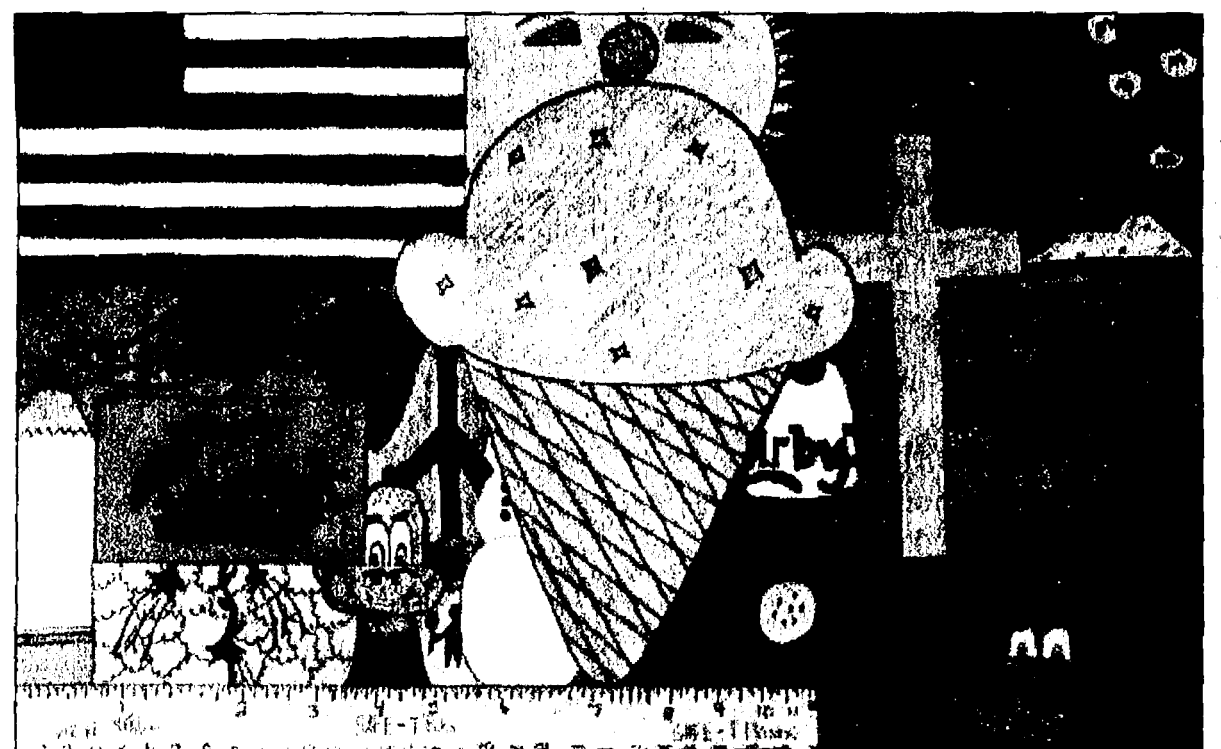
My dad got started and my goodness! We were going so fast that I couldn't see what was in front of me! I was having a great time!

Then I had a horrible flashback, my dad, last year, made me fall off the saucer. I wasn't even that. But now he didn't. He headed off into a snowy field. Was I ever having a blast! I loved the dips.

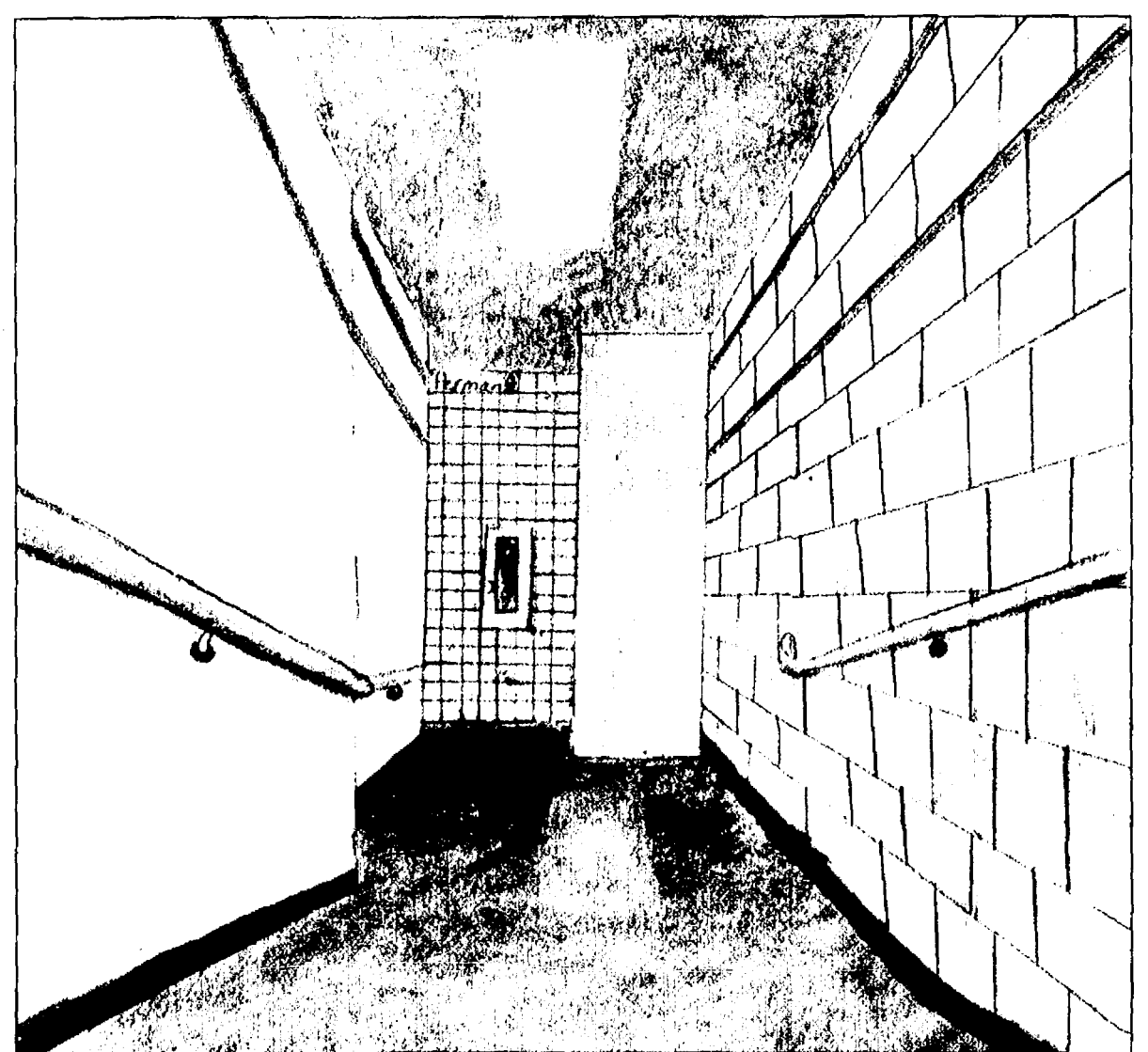
Then we got to Teddy's driveway. Trying to have the best ride, my dad turned up the speed (which I liked). We came to a corner. Whizzing by it felt like a roller-coaster coming out of a cave.

As we came to a stop I said, "Dad, when you went fast, I had an awesome time!"

"I know, I'm cool," my dad said starting to laugh. Now that was a wild and awesome ride!



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March Madness 2009

Girls basketball squad to play at Elk Rapids on Monday

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

"March Madness" – basketball tournament action and everything that goes along with it – begins next week with girls basketball playoffs.

For Michigan high school girls basketball teams, "March

Madness" starts with district tournaments – the first round of the playoffs – on Monday, March 2.

("March Madness" refers to the furor surrounding high school and college basketball playoffs throughout the nation. Playoff tournaments – including the National Collegiate Athletic

Association's 64-team division one tournaments that determine national champions in men's and women's college basketball – begin in March.)

Grayling High School's varsity girls basketball squad will start its playoff run with a round one District 63-B game vs. the Elk

Rapids Elks on Monday, March 2, at 7 p.m. at Elk Rapids. The winner will host Cheboygan on Wednesday, March 4, at 7 p.m. in the semifinals.

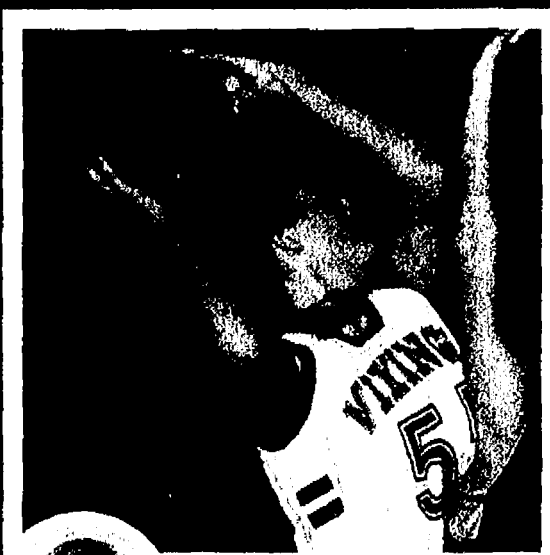
Grayling's playoff foe – the Elk Rapids Elks – is a familiar adversary. Both squads play in the same athletic league – the Lake

Michigan Conference – and they have already faced each other twice so far this year. Elk Rapids won both games (45-32 on Jan. 16 and 53-42 on Feb. 12).

"This is the second year in a row that Grayling has drawn Elk Rapids for districts. It is the best

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GRAYLING HIGH SCHOOL'S VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM



Laura BOYLAN
Senior • Center



Sam SCHREIBER
Senior • Guard



Ashley FELDHAUSER
Junior • Forward



Teresa SCHREIBER
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GRAYLING VIKINGS

2008-2009 Season Statistics

183	185	14
13	107	






Sam **SCHREIBER**

Senior • Center

GRAYLING VIKINGS

2008-2009 Season Statistics

133	57	90
79	10	





Ashley **FELDHAUSER**

Junior • Forward

GRAYLING VIKINGS

2008-2009 Season Statistics

69	67	35
15	11	





Teresa **SCHREIBER**

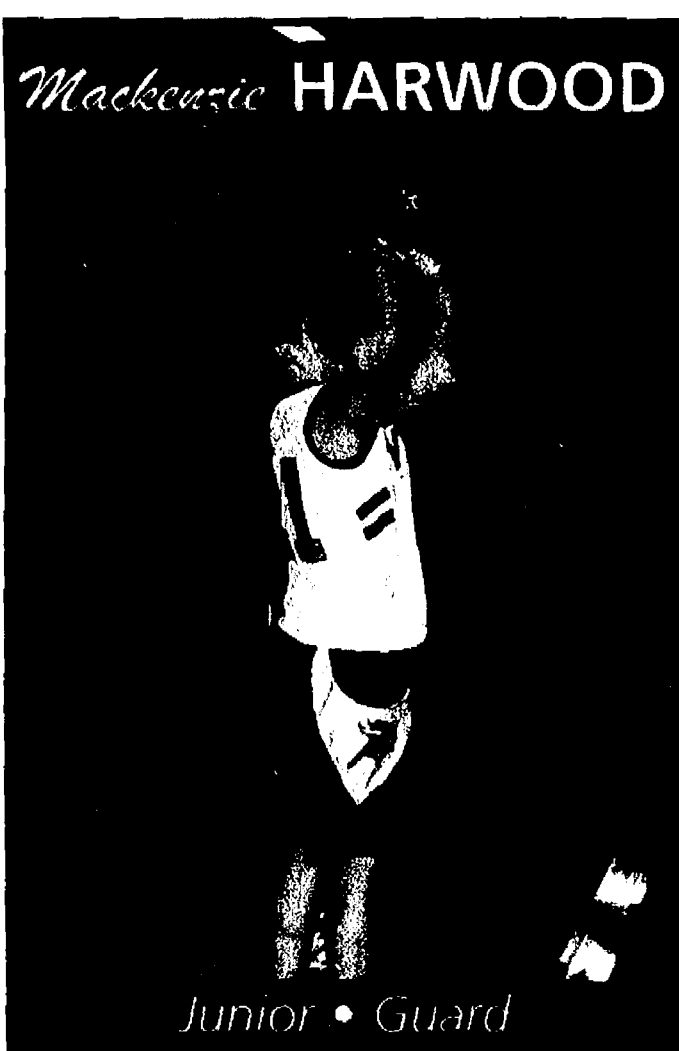
Sophomore • Guard

GRAYLING VIKINGS

2008-2009 Season Statistics

98	34	67
52	21	






Mackenzie **HARWOOD**


Junior • Guard

GRAYLING VIKINGS

2008-2009 Season Statistics

81	50	16
21	6	






Abbey **THOMAS**

Sophomore • Forward

GRAYLING VIKINGS

2008-2009 Season Statistics

44	91	28
9	10	



Girls basketball squad to play at Elk Rapids on Monday

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matchup we could ask for. Having played them twice already, we know what to expect and know they are beatable. The last time we played them, we were only down five points with three minutes remaining in the fourth quarter," Coach Kelly Sheehan said. "Our defense is tough and our scoring is consistent. We are looking forward to this rematch."

In the other District 63-B semifinal game, Petoskey will host Roscommon on Wednesday,

March 4, at 7 p.m. The winner will host Elk Rapids, Grayling, or Cheboygan in the district championship game on Friday, March 6, at 7 p.m.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association changed the format of district tournaments this year. Instead of having one school host all of the games for one tournament, districts now have the option of allowing the top school listed in the bracket to host each individual game.

"The (MHSAA) is doing that to help cut down on travel and

increase (gate) revenue," said Tim Sanchez, GHS Athletic Director.

Grayling High School's tournament squad will have 14 players — four seniors, five juniors, and five sophomores. The team includes: Samantha Schreiber (senior guard), Ashley Feldhauser (junior forward), Jessica Bindschatel (senior guard), Mackenzie Harwood (junior guard), Selina Anglemeyer (junior guard), Jessica Zarnick (junior guard), Heather Glance (junior guard), Naomi Anglemeyer (senior for-

ward), Teresa Schreiber (sophomore guard), Abbey Thomas (sophomore forward), Laura Boylan (senior center), Kirstie Wakeley (sophomore forward), Ann Hamlin (sophomore forward), and Shalee Miller (sophomore guard).

Boylan is the team's leading scorer (183 total, 10.2 per game), rebounder (185 total, 10.3 per game), and shot blocker (107 total, 5.9 per game). S. Schreiber leads the team in assists (90 total, 5.0 per game) and steals (79 total, 4.4 per game).

(The preceding statistics, as well as those found in the "March Madness" player profiles on pages 2-3B, are from the team's first 18 games.)

To check out more photos from this year's GHS girls basketball season, please visit the Crawford County Avalanche's Web site at www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com. Our Photo Archive contains color photographs, both published and unpublished, from more than 18 2008-2009 junior varsity and varsity girls basketball games.

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Naomi **ANGLEMYER**




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2008-2009
Season Statistics

18	28	12
3	1	



Jessica **BINDSCHATEL**



Senior • Guard


GRAYLING
VIKINGS

2008-2009
Season Statistics

21	10	2
2	0	



Jessica **ZARNICK**




Junior • Guard


GRAYLING
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2008-2009
Season Statistics

0	7	0
3	0	



Selina **ANGLEMYER**




Junior • Guard


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2008-2009
Season Statistics

3	2	3
0	0	



Heather **GLANCE**




Junior • Guard


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VIKINGS

2008-2009
Season Statistics

0	1	0
0	0	



Kirstie **WAKELEY**




Sophomore • Forward


GRAYLING
VIKINGS

2008-2009
Season Statistics

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Ann **HAMLIN**

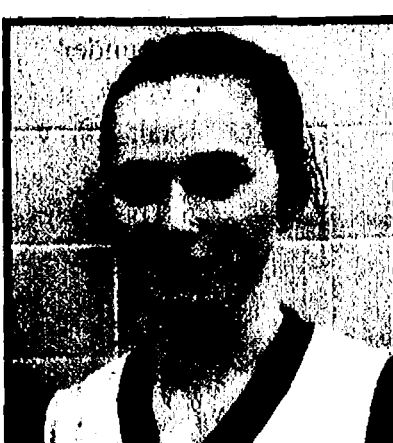


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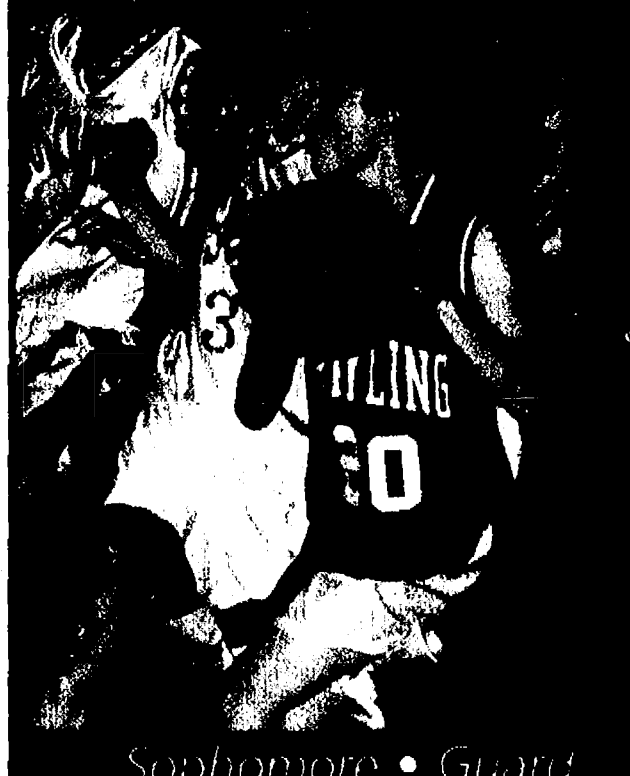
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VIKINGS

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Season Statistics

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N/A	N/A	



Shalee **MILLER**




Sophomore • Guard

GRAYLING
VIKINGS

2008-2009
Season Statistics

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Varsity basketball team defeats Elks 61-45 on Friday

Big second half leads Bucks past Vikings on Wednesday

The Vikings of Grayling High School defeated Elk Rapids 61-45 in a league varsity boys basketball contest played at GHS last Friday.

"I was extremely pleased with our defensive pressure in the game. We forced Elk Rapids into 37 turnovers and we held them to 29 points through the first 30 minutes of the game. Trent Larm and Colin Hamlin played very well. Eric Ferrigan was a spark plug off the bench for us, as he played solid at both ends of the court," Coach Rich Moffit said.

Leading scorers for GHS were: Larm, 15 points, 5 rebounds, 5 steals; Hamlin, 14 points, 3 assists, 4 steals; Ferrigan, 12 points, 5 steals;

Steven Enos, 7 points.

On Wednesday, the Roscommon Bucks outscored Grayling 44-19 in the second half and defeated Grayling 75-49. The game was played at GHS.

At halftime, the Vikings trailed by one, 31-30. The Bucks outscored Grayling 28-12 in the third quarter and 16-7 in the fourth period.

"We played pretty solid in the first half. In the second half, Roscommon just pounded the boards on us. (Roscommon's) Grant Carey shot 15 times in the paint vs. us. Obviously, this is an area that we need to improve," Coach Moffit said.

Grayling's leading scorers were: Enos, 14 points;



Photo by Caleb Casey

Colin Hamlin drives to the basket for Grayling vs. Roscommon.

Hamlin, 10 points, 3 assists; Spencer Dean, 7 points. Grayling (7-9 overall, 5-6

league) will play at Traverse City St. Francis on Friday, Feb. 27.

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JV basketball squad wins two more games, improves to 12-4

Vikings defeat Roscommon Bucks, Elk Rapids Elks at GHS

The GHS junior varsity boys basketball squad won two home games last week – a nonconference contest vs. Roscommon on Wednesday and a league match vs. Elk Rapids on Friday – to improve its season record to 12-4.

On Friday, the Vikings defeated the Elk Rapids Elks by a final score of 69-54.

Grayling finished the contest with 15 steals, 12 steals, and 30 rebounds (to Elk Rapids' 24).

"This was a big win for our team. We are on a nine-

game winning streak, but – more importantly – we are improving each and every game. The first time we played (Elk Rapids) they beat us by two. This time, it felt like we could do anything we wanted against them," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

Grayling's leading scorers were: Ethan Lewis, 15 points, 11 rebounds; Jake Helsel, 13 points, 7 rebounds; Zane Tobin, 12 points, 3 steals; Griffin Dean, 11 points; Riley Zigila, 9 points, 4 assists, 4 steals; Jensen Aubry, 5 points, 3 assists, 3 steals; Brent Steffey, 3 points.

"Jensen Aubry and Riley Zigila had a huge game.

Defensively, they did a nice job creating pressure and communicating," Coach Kucharek said. "Adam Kuszak had a nice game with one assist and a rebound late in the game."

On Wednesday, Grayling won 57-38 vs. Roscommon. The Vikings had a 12-point lead at halftime, 33-21, and added to it with a 24-17 second half.

The Vikings had 18 steals, 12 assists, and 28 rebounds (to Roscommon's 20). The team shot 56 percent (24 for 43) from the floor.

"We showed a lot of character during this game because seven of our nine players were sick. The bench played a huge role in

this game and the team found a way to get the job done," Coach Kucharek said. "Ethan Lewis had a breakout game with 10 points and eight rebounds and five steals. He is starting to play the complete game."

Leading scorers for GHS were: Robbie Wilson, 8 points; Lewis, 10 points, 8 rebounds, 2 assists, 5 steals; Helsel, 10 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists; Zigila, 8 points, 3 steals; Tobin, 8 points; Aubry, 7 points; Dean, 4 points; Steffey, 2 points.

The Vikings (12-4 overall, 7-4 league) will play at Traverse City St. Francis on Friday, Feb. 27.

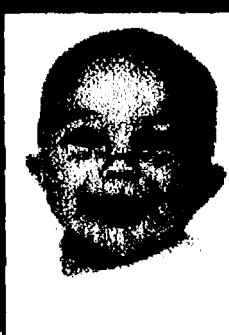
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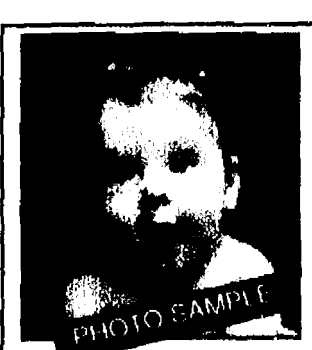
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9th graders defeat Roscommon, Harbor Springs

The GHS freshman boys basketball squad defeated the Roscommon Bucks 52-31 on Wednesday in a contest played at Grayling Middle School.

"I was very happy with our defensive effort – I felt it was the best game we had played defensively this year. We only gave up 11 points (in) the first half," Coach LJ Mead said. "Devon Dawson played tremendously on both sides of the ball."

Leading scorers for GHS were: David Bergan, 18 points, 4 rebounds, 5 steals; Tom Burrell, 13 points, 6 rebounds, 2 steals, 2 assists, 3 blocks; Josh McBride, 6 points, 6 rebounds; Craig Collen, 6 points, 7 rebounds, 3 blocks;

Dawson, 5 points, 7 rebounds, 6 steals, 5 assists; Joe Latusek, 2 points, 1 block; Ryan Randall, 2 points, 1 steal.

The win improved Grayling's season record to 9-4 overall (6-3 league).

On Friday, Feb. 13, the Vikings won 60-44 at Harbor Springs.

"We got off to a slow start, but we picked up the intensity as the game went on. We went on a run in the second quarter that really turned the game in our favor. Once we took the lead, we did not look back. Another strong effort from our kids," Coach Mead said.

Leading scorers for Grayling included: Bergan (17), Dawson (12), McBride (12), Burrell (7),

Carlyle (7), Collen (4).

Grayling won 60-42 at Roscommon on Feb. 9.

"We got off to a sluggish start, but we picked up our intensity in the second quarter. We went on a 14-0 run to end the first half. Our defensive intensity led to some quick buckets and Roscommon was not able to recover from that. I was proud of the way we showed perseverance, as well as our overall team effort," Coach Mead said.

Grayling's leading scorers were: Bergan (21), Burrell (15), McBride (6), Collen (6), Dawson (5), Carlyle (4), Travis Schreiber (2).

The Vikings will play at Traverse City St. Francis on Friday, Feb. 27.

Bowling Leagues

Friday Mixed Doubles

Fred's of Rosco... 43 - 20
 American Legion... 34 - 29
 Canadian Steak... 33 - 30
 Last Call... 33 - 30
 McDonald's... 33 - 30
 Double Trouble... 31 - 32
 L & L Hauling... 28 - 35
 Miller Spillers... 17 - 46
 High Series Women: S. Johnson, 559; B. MacKinnon, 490; C. Brannan, 482. High Game Women: B. MacKinnon, 211; S. Johnson, 190; M. Cole, 187. High Series Men: C. Hanson, 550; P. Lewis, 527; S. Pittman, 519. High Game Men: D. Williamson, 215; P. Benardo, 195; S. Pittman, 193.

Thursday Morning Coffee

Three Amigos... 15.5 - 8.5
 Pin Slayers... 13.5 - 10.5
 Bill's Harem... 13.5 - 10.5
 Misfits... 13 - 11
 Rosebuds... 13 - 11

Snow Tops...

11.5 - 12.5
 Ladybugs... 9 - 15
 Casino Bums... 7 - 17
 High Series Women: H. Stairs, 532; N. Glasslee, 436; B. Wotring, 434. High Game Women: H. Stairs, 190; N. Glasslee, 164; B. Wotring, 156. High Series Men: P. Faustman, 585; D. Williamson, 538; B. Hollis, 527. High Game Men: P. Faustman, 233; B. Hollis, 209; D. Williamson, 202.
Sunday Mixed Doubles
 Team Shocker... 45 - 11
 Salon Rue... 39 - 17
 Hard Balls... 31 - 25
 Spikes #2... 31 - 25
 Spikes #1... 25 - 31
 Growlers... 22 - 34
 AJD... 16 - 40
 GrayRock Cafe... 15 - 41
 High Series Men: J. Thayer, 652; M. Forbes, 570; C. Moshier, 544. High Game Men: J. Thayer, 228; M. Forbes, 228; N. Mead, 224.

High Series Women: N. Glasslee, 455; L. Mead, 426; A. Ray, 424. High Game Women: N. Glasslee, 183; A. Ray, 180; H. Nelson, 151.

Senior League

Dana Transport... 22 - 10
 Spikes... 21 - 11
 Gaylord Electric... 21 - 11
 Bear's Den Pizza... 16 - 16
 Flowers By Josie... 16 - 16
 Kicking Grass... 13 - 19
 Sylvester's Sports... 11 - 21
 Lone Pine... 8 - 24
 High Series Women: H. Stairs, 461; P. Harris, 446; M. Rysoo, 431. High Game Women: P. Kennedy, J. Brown and N. Glasslee, 176. High Series Men: P. Faustman, 606; D. Williamson, 527; L. Crampton, 525. High Game Men: P. Faustman, 222; D. Williamson, 210; K. Harris, 201.

Varsity team defeats Harbor Springs 43-35 on Tuesday

11-4 fourth quarter run helps seal it for GHS

With an 11-4 run to start the fourth period, Grayling High School's varsity girls basketball squad turned a three-point lead into a 10-point during last Tuesday's 43-35 league victory vs. the visiting Harbor Springs Rams.

Grayling trailed by five going into the second period, 13-8. Harbor Springs had a 19-17 edge at halftime. The Vikings outscored Harbor Springs 13-8 in the third quarter and led 30-27 going into the fourth period.

The Vikings scored the first five points of the fourth period with a free throw by Sam Schreiber, a put-back by Laura Boylan, and a lay-up by Teresa Schreiber. Harbor Springs scored a

jump shot to cut Grayling's lead to six. Two baskets by Boylan gave Grayling a 10-point lead. Harbor Springs scored a jump shot at the 3:39 mark. Two free throws by S. Schreiber gave the Vikings a 41-31 advantage with 2:45 remaining in the contest.

The Vikings won by eight, 43-35. "It was good to see our girls keep playing aggressively for four quarters," Coach Kelly Sheehan said. "We never gave up and had great teamwork."

Leading scorers for the Vikings were: Boylan, 19 points, 15 rebounds, 8 blocks; T. Schreiber, 11 points, 5 steals, 5 blocks; S. Schreiber, 9 points, 2 steals.

On Thursday night, the Vikings lost 53-35 at Kalkaska.

"Kalkaska came out shooting. We were down 12 points in the first couple minutes of the game. We played fairly even with them after that," Coach Sheehan said. "Laura had a strong game with 25 points and 18 rebounds."

Boylan finished with 25 points, 18 rebounds, and four blocks. T. Schreiber had 10 points, six rebounds, three steals, and two blocks. Ashley Feldhauser had three points and three assists.

The Vikings (4-15 overall, 3-10 league) will play in the District 63-B tournament next week.

JV team falls to Kalkaska, Harbor Springs

Grayling High School's junior varsity girls basketball squad lost to Kalkaska and Harbor Springs last week.

On Thursday night, the Vikings lost by six, 34-28, at Kalkaska.

"We played a very good all-around game but missed a lot of opportunities to score. We did not capitalize on all of the Kalkaska turnovers," Coach Craig Hofman said. "I was very happy with the team effort. They played together well and I subbed in a lot differently than usual to get girls more time. I was very impressed with two freshmen in particular. Jamie Denton and Chloe Harwood showed a lot of potential and promise for next year's JV team. Carlie and Rebecca Money stood out defensively and are going to help the varsity

(team) cause a lot of defensive headaches next year. Ann Hamlin stood out defensively and offensively with 15 points and 18 rebounds. Haley Wiseman came in off the bench to add two points and nine rebounds. Shalee Miller had a very solid game at point guard. This was her best all-around effort this year. Katlyn Nye, Kristen Todoroff, and Hali Miller also played very solid games. Sam Hansen and Jennifer Lester played limited time but gave a tough effort and helped us get turnovers in the last couple of minutes to keep us close."

Leading scorers for the Vikings were: Hamlin, 15 points, 18 rebounds, 2 steals; S. Miller, 4 points, 3 steals; C. Money, 4 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists; Wiseman, 2 points, 9 rebounds, 2

steals; Todoroff, 1 point, 2 rebounds; Denton, 1 point, 3 rebounds.

On Tuesday, the Vikings fell 29-12 vs. Harbor Springs in a game played at GHS.

"The girls showed great improvement defensively against the Rams. We gave up 49 points in the first game. Our shooting problems continued. The Rams' defense was good, but we had plenty of opportunities from the field to score," Coach Hofman said.

Grayling's leading scorers were: Hamlin, 4 points, 8 rebounds; R. Money, 4 points, 2 steals; S. Miller, 3 points, 2 steals; C. Money, 1 point, 3 steals; Todoroff, 4 rebounds.

The Vikings (4-15 overall) will play their final game of the season this week.

Legal Action

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by:

Chad Hawley and Amy Hawley, husband and wife

to Olympus Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated November 29, 2004 and recorded December 9, 2004 in Liber 672 Page 826 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 2005 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005 WHQ1, by assignment dated December 6, 2004 and recorded March 12, 2008 in Liber 690, Page 579, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents (\$74,176.55) including interest 9.275% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on March 11, 2009

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 11, Block 1, Brink's Park, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Page 33, Crawford County Records

Commonly known as 210 Rolla, Grayling MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or

MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: JANUARY 30, 2009 Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 2005 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005 WHQ1,

Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd, Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248)844-5123 Our File No: 09-04718

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by:

Thomas Lee Thomas and Kathleen Jean Thomas f/k/a Kathleen Jean Schopp, husband and wife

to Standard Federal Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated June 4, 2005 and recorded June 24, 2005 in Liber 676 Page 42 Crawford County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars and Twenty-Four Cents (\$76,693.24) including interest 3.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on March 18, 2009

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are

described as: Unit 14 and 15, of Ausable Country Acres, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, a condominium established pursuant to the Master Deed thereof, as recorded in Liber 433, Pages 203 through 241, inclusive, Crawford County Records, also known as Crawford County Condominium Subdivision Plan Number 3, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed, and Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended

Commonly known as 1515 Lumberjack Ct, Grayling MI 49738 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: JANUARY 30, 2009 Bank of America, N.A. as successor by merger to LaSalle Bank as successor to LaSalle Bank Midwest, N.A. f/k/a Standard Federal Bank, N.A.

Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd, Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 09-04659

-12-19-26-5

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard Wirjies and Catherine Wirjies, husband and wife, to Mortgage

Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns., Mortgagee, dated November 3, 2006, and recorded on November 29, 2006, in Liber 684, on page 348, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of eighty-seven thousand eight hundred sixteen and 97/100 dollars (\$87,816.97) including interest at 8.620% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, April 1, 2009.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot Numbered 17, Fawn Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 43, Crawford County Records, and all improvements thereon, including a 1987 Sterling manufactured home bearing serial number S5507.

Parcel No: 032-400-000-017-00

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: February 18, 2009

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee

Richard A. Green, Attorneys, 30150 N. Telegraph Rd., Ste 444 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 (248) 540-7665

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MORTGAGE SALE

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by BARBARA A. SELESKY and MARJORIE P. WALL, AS JOINT TENANTS AND NOT AS TENANTS IN COMMON, WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns., Mortgagee, dated August 12, 2004, and recorded on August 23, 2004, in Liber 671, on Page 124, and assigned by said mortgagee to U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR RASC 2004KS12, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Thirty-Three Dollars and Thirty-Six Cents (\$176,033.36), including interest at 10.400% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on March 25, 2009

Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

PART OF THE WEST 1 / 2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1 / 4 OF SEC-

TION 2, TOWN 27 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, FREDERIC TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN: COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1 / 4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 2; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 50 MINUTES EAST (ALONG THE EAST AND WEST 1 / 4 LINE) 563.2 FEET; THENCE NORTH 9 DEGREES 35 MINUTES EAST, 1323.7 FEET; THENCE NORTH 27 DEGREES 35 MINUTES EAST, 400 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 40 MINUTES EAST, 171.25 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 80 DEGREES 25 MINUTES WEST, 135 FEET TO THE EASTERLY BANK OF THE AUSABLE RIVER; THENCE NORTH 13 DEGREES 04 MINUTES EAST (ALONG SAID RIVER BANK) 200.4 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 80 DEGREES 25 MINUTES EAST, 225.2 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF CHICKSAW TRAIL; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 20 MINUTES WEST (ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY), 202.8 FEET; THENCE NORTH 80 DEGREES 28 MINUTES WEST, 135.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THIS PARCEL EXTENDS TO THE WATERS EDGE OF THE AUSABLE RIVER.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 13, 2009 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR RASC 2004KS12 Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450 Southfield, MI 48075

-19-26-5-12

CITY OF GRAYLING CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE ZONING WITHIN THE CITY

The City of Grayling Ordains:

The existing City of Grayling Zoning Ordinance adopted May 29, 2001 and as amended from time to time and the Sign Ordinance being Ordinance number 04-01, are repealed with the adoption of the January 22, 2009 draft Zoning Ordinance with amendments.

The new Zoning Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on February 23, 2009 and goes into effect ten days after publication of this notice. A certified copy of the ordinance is available for review in the City Clerk's office at 1020 City Boulevard, Grayling.

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BUDGET HEARING

A public hearing for the proposed final budget of the General, Landfill and Liquor Funds for fiscal year 2009-2010 will be held at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lovells Township Board on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 10:00 AM at the Township Hall.

A copy of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection at the Lovells Township Hall, 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Cynthia Infante
Lovells Township Clerk
(989) 348-9215

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP, KALKASKA COUNTY BUDGET HEARING AND ANNUAL MEETING

The Bear Lake Township Board will hold a Budget Hearing for all Township Funds for 2009-2010 on TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009 at 6:00 P.M.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

The proposed budgets can be viewed by calling the Clerk at 231-258-4359.

There will be an ANNUAL MEETING for the electors of BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP on SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Carol Rosenberg, Clerk
231-258-4359

Legal Action

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott J. LaFond, Jennifer Everland, husband and wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage-MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated July 8, 2005 and recorded July 14, 2005 in Liber 676, Page 263, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Fifty-Six and 26/100 Dollars (\$142,056.26) including interest at 5.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MARCH 25, 2009. Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: PARCEL H: That part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 3, Town 26 North Range 2 West described as commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 3; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 20 seconds East along the South line of said Section, 1315.52 feet to the West 1/8 corner on the South line of said Section and the point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 50 minutes 20 seconds East along said Section line, 305.05 feet; thence North 00 degrees 51 minutes 38 seconds East, 365.10 feet; thence North 67 degrees 17 minutes 43 seconds West, 328.56 feet to a point on the West 1/8 line of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 51 minutes 52 seconds West along said West 1/8 line, 492.79 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to and together with the herein after described ingress and egress easement. Also, together with a 1/12th interest in that part described as Parcel B. Also subject to right-of-way for Shaw Park Road. INGRESS AND EGRESS EASEMENT DESCRIPTION: That part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 3, Town 26 North Range 2 West described as a 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and the installation and maintenance of public and private utilities, lying East of and adjacent to the following described line: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 3; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 20 seconds East along the South line of said Section, 1315.52 feet to the West 1/8 line of said Section 3 and the Point of Beginning; thence North 00 degrees 51 minutes 52 seconds East along said West 1/8 line, 162.39 feet to an Intersection Point "A"; thence continuing North 00 degrees 51 minutes 52 seconds East along said West 1/8 line 330.40 feet to an intersection Point "B"; thence continuing North 00 degrees 51 minutes 52 seconds East along said 1/8 line, 317.23 feet; thence returning to said Intersection Point "A", being 33 feet in width, lying 16.50 feet on each side of and adjacent to a line described as: North 58 degrees 45 minutes 52 seconds West, 41.12 feet; thence North 81 degrees 16 minutes 05 seconds West, 115.88 feet; thence North 45 degrees 55 minutes 10 seconds West, 55.75 feet; thence North 30 degrees 43 minutes 01 seconds West, 94.88 feet; thence North 75 degrees 04 minutes 06 seconds West, 108.89 feet; thence South 71 degrees 43 minutes 45 seconds West, 167.64 feet; thence North 37 degrees 57 minutes 32 seconds West, 78.06 feet; thence South 83 degrees 37 minutes 22 seconds West 183.68 feet; thence South 88 degrees 08 minutes 56 seconds West, 178.43 feet; thence returning to said intersection Point "B" being 33 feet in width, lying 10 feet Northerly and 23 feet Southerly of and adjacent to the following described line: North 67 degrees 17 minutes 51 seconds West, 284.56 feet; thence North 76 degrees 35 minutes 08 seconds West, 327.29 feet; thence North 76 degrees 54 minutes 23 seconds West, 131.86 feet an intersection Point "C" thence North 67 degrees 54 minutes 23 seconds West, 311.54 feet; thence South 67 degrees 57 minutes 01 seconds West, 95.52 feet; thence returning to said intersection Point "C" being 33 feet in width lying on the East side of and adjacent to the following described line: North 01 degrees 05 minutes 19 seconds East, 242.55 feet to the Point of Ending. Subject to the right-of-way of Shaw Park Road. Parcel B: (Recreational Easement) That part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 3, Town 26 North Range 2 West described as commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 3; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 20 seconds East along the South line

of Said Section, 1315.52 feet to the West 1/8 corner on the South line of said Section 3; thence North 00 degrees 51 minutes 52 seconds East along the West 1/8 line of said Section, 832.6 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 00 degrees 51 minutes 52 seconds East, 375.65 feet to a point on an intermediate traverse line, said point being 20 feet South of the Southerly bank of the AuSable River; thence running along said intermediate traverse line the following courses: South 81 degrees 41 minutes 05 seconds West, 157.79 feet to a point which is 22 feet South said Southerly bank; thence North 79 degrees 41 minutes 22 seconds West, 107.18 feet to a point which is 4 feet South of said Southerly bank; thence South 86 degrees 46 minutes 17 seconds West, 267.67 feet to a point which is 12 feet South of said Southerly bank; thence South 81 degrees 41 minutes 02 seconds West, 184.67 feet to a point which is 31 feet South of said Southerly bank; thence leaving said intermediate traverse line; thence South 01 degree 05 minutes 19 seconds West, 211.87 feet; thence South 76 degrees 35 minutes 08 seconds East, 209.60 feet; thence North 86 degrees 08 minutes 10 seconds East, 189.75 feet; thence South 57 degrees 39 minutes 32 seconds East, 144.93 feet; thence South 88 degrees 31 minutes 50 seconds East, 194.23 feet to the point beginning. The lines of the above described parcel extend to the Centerthread of AuSable River. Subject to and together with the herein described ingress and egress easement. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: February 19, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 200.4074 ASAP# 2997622 02/19/2009. 02/26/2009, 03/05/2009, 03/12/2009 -19-26-5-12

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has

been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Barbara R Backer, an Unmarried Woman, By Brenda L. Mackinnon, Attorney In Fact, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 1, 2007, and recorded on March 7, 2007 in Liber 685 on Page 595, and modified by Affidavit or Order received by and recorded, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty-One And 22/100 Dollars (\$63,121.22), including interest at 6.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 1, 2009. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2, South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 2 West. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: February 26, 2009 For more information, please call: FC S 248.593.1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Lovells Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 4:30 PM at the Township Hall. The Lovells Township Board of Review will meet with taxpayers on Monday, March 9, 2009 from 9:00 AM until noon and 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM at the Township Hall. Also on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 from 3:00 PM until 9:00 PM at the Township Hall. Any correspondence may be sent to 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738 or call (989) 348-9215. The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Lovells Township:

Class	Ratio	Factor
Agricultural	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Personal	50.00	1.0000

Fred Schaibly
Lovells Township Supervisor

NOTICE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review will hold an Organizational Meeting Monday, March 2, 2009 at 12:00 Noon in the Beaver Creek Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the 2009 Assessment Roll. The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers Monday, March 9, 2009, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Thursday, March 12, 2009, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Beaver Creek Township:

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Agricultural	49.76	1.0048
Commercial	50.84	0.9835
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.58	0.9885

This notice is posted in compliance with PA267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA41.72a(2)(3) and the American With Disabilities Act (ADA).

Beaver Creek Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting, upon seven (7) days notice to Beaver Creek Township.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Beaver Creek Township by writing or calling the following.

Brian Ashton, Supervisor
Beaver Creek Township
8888 S. Grayling Road
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 275-8878

Brian Ashton
Beaver Creek Township Supervisor

File #246544F01 -26-5-12-19

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joseph R. Bresette, And Theresa Bresette, Husband and Wife as Joint Tenants with Rights of Survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 17, 2004, and recorded on May 25, 2004 in Liber 668 on Page 487, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Six Hundred Sixteen And 78/100 Dollars (\$51,616.78), including interest at 5.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 18, 2009. Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: A part of the South 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town

25 North, Range 2 West, commencing at the Northeast corner thereof and running thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes West on the North line thereof 743.5 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes West 160 feet; thence South 0 degrees 02 minutes East, 660.7 feet; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes East, 160 feet; thence North 0 degrees 02 minutes West 660.7 feet to the place of beginning, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: February 12, 2009 For more information, please call: FC X 248.593.1302 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #205430F02 -12-19-26-5

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Todd A. Gabriel and Kary J. Gabriel, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Ameriquet Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated January 28, 2006, and recorded on February 13, 2006 in Liber 679 on Page 825, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of GSAMP Trust 2006-SD3 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-SD3 as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Four And 88/100 Dollars (\$333,364.88), including interest at 6% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 18, 2009. Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 34, Township 28 North, Range 4 West. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: February 12, 2009 For more information, please call: FC J 248.593.1311 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #236734F02 -12-19-26-5

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2009 at 10 am at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738, 989-348-4361.

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with taxpayers starting at 9 am Monday, March 9th, 2009, until 12 noon and then 1 pm, until 4 pm. This year the Board of Review will also be held on Thursday, March 12th from 6 pm-8 pm, and also Saturday, March 14th, from 9 am until 12 noon. Petitioners will be received on a "first come first served" basis. You can also protest by mail (via the P.O. Box above) or fax to 989-348-6713.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO
Agricultural	50.00
Commercial	50.00
Industrial	50.00
Residential	50.00

Terry R. Wright, Supervisor
Monica Ashton, Clerk
MBOR/pak

Notice of Public Hearing on Increasing Property Taxes

The Lovells Township Board of the Township of Lovells will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of .0000132 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 2009.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at Lovells Township Hall, 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738.

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 1.6 % over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved the operating revenue will increase by 0% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

The taxing unit publishing this notice, and identified below, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate.

This notice is published by:

Township of Lovells
8405 Twin Bridge Road
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-9215

Legal Action

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by **D & K Investments of Grayling, LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Company**, of 2373 S. I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, P.O. Box 665, Grayling, Michigan 49738, to **The City of Grayling, a Michigan Municipal Corporation**, of P.O. Box 547, Grayling, Michigan 49738, dated January 23, 2003, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, in Liber 618, Pages 161-163, which Mortgage there is claimed to be due, for principal and interest the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Twelve and 58/100 (\$162,212.58) Dollars, and no proceedings have been insti-

tuted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage thereof and in pursuance to the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage thereof will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or such much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on March 25, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, legal costs, attorney's fees, and also any taxes and

insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit: City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan:

PARCEL 5: Part of the South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter and part of the North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, described as: Commencing at the South one-quarter corner of said Section 17; thence North 01° 37' 52" East along the North-South one-quarter line of said Section, 2258.48 feet; thence South 89° 26' 34" West, 233.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 89° 26' 34" West, 1374.73 feet to the Easterly right-of-way of Highway I-75; thence along said Easterly right-of-way, 998.49 feet along the arc of a curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 5614.58 feet, delta angle of 10° 11' 22" and chord bearing North 22° 11' 01" East, 997.18 feet; thence North 27° 19' 20" East, along said Easterly right-of-way, 299.09 feet to Southwesterly Rail Road right-of-way, thence South 45° 54' 55" E, along said Southwesterly right-of-way, 1211.66 feet; thence South 01° 37' 52" West, parallel with the North-South one-quarter line of said Section, 332.88 feet to the Point of Beginning. **TOGETHER WITH** a 66 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and the installation and maintenance of utilities the centerline of which is described as commencing at the South one-quarter corner of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 3 West; thence North 01° 37' 52" East, along the North-South one-quarter line of said Section, 2258.48 feet to the Point of Beginning of the centerline of said 66 foot wide easement; thence South 89° 26' 34" West, along said centerline, 233.00 feet to the Point of Ending of said easement centerline. **EXPECTING THOSE UNITS DESCRIBED AS:** Unit 1, of D & K Condominiums, Phase I, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, a condominium established pursuant to the Master Deed thereof, as recorded in Liber 629, Pages 106-147, inclusive, Crawford County Records, also being known as Crawford County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 12, together with rights in the general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed,

and Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

AND Units 2, 21, 22, 23 and 25, of D & K Condominiums, Phase II, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, a condominium established pursuant to the Master Deed thereof, as recorded in Liber 643, Pages 279-321, inclusive, Crawford County Records, also being known as Crawford County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 13, together with rights in the general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed, and Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

AND Units 37, 38, 39, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51 and 52, of D & K Condominiums, Phase III, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, a condominium established pursuant to the Master Deed thereof, as recorded in Liber 672, Page 951, as instrument No. R0007271, Crawford County Records, also being known as Crawford County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 15, together with rights in the general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed, and Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

AND Units 67 and 68, of D & K Condominiums, Phase IV, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, a condominium established pursuant to the Master Deed thereof, as recorded in Liber 676, Page 130, being Reception No. R0010446, Crawford County Records, also being known as Crawford County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 17, together with rights in the general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed, and Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

The period of redemption will be Six (6) months from the date of sale.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Dated: 3 February 2009

Gerard F. Brabant P31123
Attorney For Mortgagee
241 Lake Street, P.O. Box 35
Roscommon, MI 48653
(989) 275-4365

-12-19-26

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. **ATTN PURCHASERS:** This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Autumn L. Holmes, a married woman and Kenneth D. Vanevery, her husband, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 26, 2004, and recorded on July 27, 2004 in Liber 670 on Page 593, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Two And 95/100 Dollars (\$102,422.95), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 18, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 1, Manistee Heights, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of plats, page 20, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 12, 2009
For more information, please call: FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #244579F01

-12-19-26-5

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Forty-Three And 97/100 Dollars (\$37,143.97), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 11, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Being part of the South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 4, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 4; thence North 0 degrees 32 seconds East along the North and South 1/4 line, 2083.10 feet for a point of beginning, thence South 89 degrees 09 seconds West 270.0 feet, thence North 0 degrees 32 seconds East 20.6 feet; thence South 89 degrees 09 seconds West 100.0 feet; thence South 0 degrees 32 seconds West 15.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 09 seconds West 933.67 feet; thence North 0 degrees 31 seconds East along the 1/8 line, 109.9 feet; thence North 89 degrees 09 seconds East 1303.63 feet; thence South 0 degrees 32 seconds West along the North and South 1/4 line 115.5 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 5, 2009
For more information, please call: FC G 248.593.1310
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #242277F01

-5-12-19-26

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. **ATTN PURCHASERS:** This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Marcus D. Weaver, a Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated February 13, 2008, and recorded on February 15, 2008 in Liber 690 on Page 292, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Four And 70/100 Dollars (\$63,834.70), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 18, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 72.5 feet of Lot 18 and the West 20 feet of Lot 19, Block 5, Karen Woods Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof as Recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 44, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 12, 2009
For more information, please call: FC S 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
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31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
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-12-19-26-5

TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 3, 2009 at 9 am.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on;
Mon., March 9, 2009 9am - noon
1pm - 4pm

Thurs., March 12, 2009 1pm - 4pm
6pm - 9pm

All meetings will be held at the township hall, located at 8996 N. Sherman Rd.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications, and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

TENTATIVE

CLASSIFICATION	FACTOR	RATIO
Real Property	50.00	1.0000
Agriculture	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Personal	50.00	1.0000
Utilities	50.00	1.0000

Mark D. Kniss
Supervisor
Maple Forest Township

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS BY THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Crawford, Michigan, intends to issue limited tax general obligation bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$1,500,000 for the purpose of defraying all or part of the cost of acquiring and constructing renovations and additions to the Crawford County Building located at 200 West Michigan in the City of Grayling, Michigan, and making improvements to the site, thereof, primarily but not exclusively to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The bonds will bear interest from their date at a rate or rates not exceeding 10% per annum.

The bonds will be issued under and pursuant to the provisions of Act No.34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, and the full faith and credit of the County of Crawford will be pledged to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as the same shall become due. The County of Crawford will be obligated, as a first budget obligation, to advance moneys from its general funds or to levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable property within its corporate boundaries to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as the same shall become due; provided, however, that the amount of taxes necessary to pay the principal and interest on the bonds, together with the taxes levied for the same year, shall not exceed the limit authorized by law.

RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REFERENDUM

This notice is given, by order of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Crawford, to and for the benefit of the electors of the County of Crawford in order to inform them of their right to petition for a referendum upon the question of the issuance of the aforesaid bonds. The bonds will be issued, without submitting such a question to a vote of the electors, unless within 45 days after the date of publication of this notice a petition requesting a referendum upon such question, signed by not less than 10% or 15,000 of the registered electors residing within the County of Crawford, whichever is the lesser, shall have been filed with the undersigned County Clerk. In the event that such a petition is filed, the bonds will not be issued unless and until the issuance thereof shall have been approved by the vote of a majority of the electors of the County of Crawford qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information relative to the issuance of said bonds and the subject matter of this notice may be secured at the office of the County Clerk of the County of Crawford, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738.

This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

Sandra Moore, Clerk
County of Crawford

NOTICE FREDERIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Frederic Township Board of Review will meet for its Organizational Meeting at the Frederic Township Hall at 7564 County Rd. 612 Frederic, MI on Tuesday March 3rd 1:00 PM.

The board of review will meet with the public on:

Monday March 9th 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Saturday March 14th 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Frederic Township:

CLASSIFICATION	RATIO	FACTORS
Commercial	55.61	0.8991
Industrial	50.60	0.9881
Residential	51.30	0.9747
Timber Cut-Over	49.75	1.0050

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended. (Open Meetings Act), MCLA41.72a (2)(3) and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

William T. Johnson
Frederic Township Supervisor

-12-19-26-5

Legal Action

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jerry L. McQueen, single man and Marti E. Wesley, single woman, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 19, 2005, and recorded on September 16, 2005 in Liber 677 on Page 488, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Four And 29/100 Dollars (\$178,994.29), including interest at 9.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 1, 2009. Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 14: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 35 and part of the West 1/2 of Section 36, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, and beginning at a point on the West right-of-way line of New York Central Railroad distance South 88 degrees 24 minutes East along the South line of said Section 36, a distance of 1561.80 feet and North 6 degrees 59 minutes 20 seconds West 3100.16 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 36; thence South 55 degrees 35 minutes 55 seconds West, 2130.04 feet; thence South 57 degrees 08 minutes 24 seconds West, 442.92 feet to point of traverse along the Easterly shore of the AtStable River, said point later referred to as first mentioned point in said traverse, thence continuing South 57 degrees 08 minutes 24 seconds West, 38 feet to said Easterly shore; thence Northwestly along said shore line 210 feet, more or less, to a point; thence North 59 degrees 10 minutes East, 54 feet to a point of traverse, said point located North 8 degrees 05 minutes West 135.55 feet and North 50 degrees 20 minutes West, 89.03 feet from first mentioned point in said traverse; thence continuing North 59 degrees 10 minutes East, 439.17 feet; thence North 57 degrees 16 minutes 59 seconds East, 2166.15 feet; thence South 6 degrees 59 minutes 20 seconds East, 144.22 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Together with and subject to a 66 foot wide easement for ingress and egress to be used in common with others, Westerly line of said easement described as: Beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 36 distant South 88 degrees 24 minutes East, 718.04 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 36; thence North 0 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds East, 132.91 feet; thence North 18 degrees 30 minutes West, 237.72 feet; thence North 32 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds West, 122.50 feet; thence North 61 degrees 33 minutes West, 487.93 feet; thence North 30 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds West, 164.01 feet; thence North 11 degrees 25 minutes 20 seconds East, 277.29 feet; thence North 23 degrees 18 minutes West, 89.81 feet; thence North 59 degrees 11 minutes West, 203.44 feet; thence North 52 degrees 59 minutes 10 seconds West, 439.78 feet; thence North 24 degrees 33 minutes West, 484.28 feet; thence North 28 degrees 26 minutes 50 seconds West, 297.00 feet; thence North 5 degrees 43 minutes 20 seconds West, 400.89 feet; thence North 18 degrees 01 minutes 40 seconds West, 204.68 feet; thence North 34 degrees 11 minutes 40 seconds West, 354.66 feet; thence North 55 degrees 00 minutes West, 281.50 feet; thence North 55 degrees 48 minutes West, 252.73 feet; thence North 74 degrees 34 minutes 10 seconds West, 670.05 feet; thence North 49 degrees 53 minutes West, 173.16 feet; thence North 12 degrees 34 minutes West, 448.03 feet; thence North 29 degrees 58 minutes 30 seconds West, 424.03 feet; thence North 29 degrees 50 minutes 43 seconds West, 201.69 feet; thence North 24 degrees 29 minutes 17 seconds East, 302.86 feet; thence North 0 degrees 32 minutes 47 seconds West, 133.67 feet to the Point of Ending. The redemption period shall be 12

months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 26, 2009
For more information, please call: FC H 248.593.1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #247548F01

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MORTGAGE SALE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Bernice J Ritchings, a single woman and Ronald C Poston, a single man, joint tenancy with full rights of survivorship, Mortgagors, to North Central Area Credit Union, Mortgagee, dated the 24th day of July, 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 28th day of September, 2003 in Liber 654 of Crawford County Records, page 1, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Eight Six Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Nine and 81/100 (\$86,339.81), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of April, 2009 at 10:00 o'clock AM Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 5.875% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan,

and described as follows, to wit:

The East 1 / 2 of the East 1 / 2 of the Southeast 1 / 4 of the Southwest 1 / 4 of Section 33, Town 25 North, Range 2 West.

Said property also includes a1995 mobile home, Serial No. FS200440

During the twelve (12) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 2/26/2009
North Central Area Credit Union
Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
Attorney for North Central Area Credit Union
888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800
Troy, MI 48084
248-362-2600

-26-5-12-19

MORTGAGE SALE

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by RAY E. BOWERS, SINGLE and CAROLYN K. BOHN, AS JOINT TENANTS FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 28, 2003, and recorded on March 4, 2004, in Liber 666, on Page 671, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Thirty-Five Dollars and Five Cents (\$65,035.05), including interest at 5.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on March 25, 2009

Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

PARCEL 9; COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 15, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 55 MINUTES EAST ALONG SECTION LINE 1323.3 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES

53 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG 1 / 8 LINE 927.35 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 335.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREES 04 MINUTES EAST 1339.3 FEET THENCE NORTH 74 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 1429.85 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING BEING PART OF THE EAST 1 / 2 OF SECTION 15, TOWN 26 NORTH RANGE 2 WEST, GRAYLING TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT 66.0 FEET WIDE LYING 33.0 FEET EITHER SIDE, OF A CENTERLINE DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 15, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 01 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALMOST SECTION LINE 1391.6 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 43 MINUTES EAST ALONG 1 / 3 LINE 1920.2 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF M-72, THENCE NORTH 65 DEGREES 41 MINUTES WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE 82.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 23 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST 195.65 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 04 MINUTES EAST 705.1 FEET; THENCE NORTH 5 DEGREE 00 MINUTES EAST 360.5 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 86 DEGREES 28 MINUTES EAST 280.6 FEET; THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES 33 MINUTES EAST 709.05 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 86 DEGREES 55 MINUTES EAST 626.85 FEET; THENCE NORTH 80 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 90 SECONDS EAST 287.15 FEET; 626.85 FEET; THENCE NORTH 80 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 287.15 FEET; THENCE NORTH 74 DEGREES 51 MINUTES EAST 505.3 FEET IN THE POINT OF ENDING SAID EASEMENTS TO BE USED IN COMMON BY THE PARTIES HERETO, THEIR HEIRS AND ASSIGNS, FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS, AND THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES GRAYLING TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD

COUNTY, MICHIGAN

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 12, 2009
Mortgage Electronic

Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns

Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075

-19-26-5-12

Notice South Branch Township Board of Review

The South Branch Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 1:00 P.M.

To Hear Taxpayer Petitions: Monday, March 9, 2009, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.; Thursday, March 12, 2009, from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. appeal hearings.

By Board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, or fax (989)275-4860, provided protest letter is received prior to March 9, 2009.

Tentative ratios and the estimates multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2009 areas follows:

Class	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA41.72a(2)(3) and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The South Branch Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the South Branch Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the South Branch Township Board by writing or calling the following:

Lynn George, Clerk / Tom Kozlowski, Supervisor
5245 M-18
P.O. Box 606
Roscommon, MI 48653
(989)275-8232

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS BY THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Crawford, Michigan, intends to issue limited tax general obligation bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$1,500,000 for the purpose of defraying all or part of the cost of acquiring and constructing renovations and additions to the Crawford County Building located at 4895 West North Down River Road in the City of Grayling, Michigan, formerly known as the old fish hatchery building, and making related site improvements. The primary purpose of the renovations will be to locate the offices of the Crawford County Commission on Aging at this facility or any public purpose deemed to be appropriate by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners.

The bonds will bear interest from their date at a rate or rates not exceeding 10% per annum.

The bonds will be issued under and pursuant to the provisions of Act No.34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, and the full faith and credit of the County of Crawford will be pledged to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as the same shall become due. The County of Crawford will be obligated, as a first budget obligation, to advance moneys from its general funds or to levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable property within its corporate boundaries to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as the same shall become due; provided, however, that the amount of taxes necessary to pay the principal and interest on the bonds, together with the taxes levied for the same year, shall not exceed the limit authorized by law.

RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REFERENDUM

This notice is given, by order of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Crawford, to and for the benefit of the electors of the County of Crawford in order to inform them of their right to petition for a referendum upon the question of the issuance of the aforesaid bonds. The bonds will be issued, without submitting such a question to a vote of the electors, unless within 45 days after the date of publication of this notice a petition requesting a referendum upon such question, signed by not less than 10% or 15,000 of the registered electors residing within the County of Crawford, whichever is the lesser, shall have been filed with the undersigned County Clerk. In the event that such a petition is filed, the bonds will not be issued unless and until the issuance thereof shall have been approved by the vote of a majority of the electors of the County of Crawford qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information relative to the issuance of said bonds and the subject matter of this notice may be secured at the office of the County Clerk of the County of Crawford, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738.

This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

Sandra Moore, Clerk
County of Crawford

Notice City of Grayling Board of Review

The City of Grayling Board of Review will meet at the City Hall, 1020 City Blvd., Grayling, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:00 PM.

To Hear Taxpayer Petitions: Monday, March 16th, 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 to 4:00 PM; Wednesday, March 18th, 2:00 to 5:00PM and 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for real and personal property within the City of Grayling for 2009, are as follows:

Class	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000
Developmental	50.00	1.00000
Personal	50.00	1.00000

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Christie Verlac, Assessor
1020 City Blvd.
P.O. Box 549
Grayling, MI 49738
(989)348-2131

Christie Verlac, Assessor

Features

www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



February 27, 1986 - These top middle school spelling champions will compete in the middle school library for the opportunity to advance to district action in the state-wide Detroit News spelling bee. Shown here (from left to right) are: Peggy Studer, 7th grade; Angie Thompson, 6th grade; Jordan Stancil, 6th grade; Toye Sheldon, 8th grade; Jenny Naour, 8th grade; and Jenny Smith, 7th grade.

23 Years Ago February 27, 1986

The effect of dropping oil prices reached Grayling in a dramatic fashion this week as the price for a gallon of regular gas dropped below \$1 at one Crawford County self-serve station. A survey of 21 Crawford County stations showed that Cooper's Country Corners in Frederic was the lowest price in the county for self-serve gasoline. As of Monday, Feb. 24, Cooper's price for regular leaded was 99¢ a gallon and unleaded was \$1.08.

The Grayling Middle School 7th grade boys basketball team went undefeated with a season record of 14-0. The team consisted of

Andy Moore, Aaron Millikin, Shane Fraser, Mick McKinney, Ron Doe, Pete Oppermann, Anthony Jones, Mike Tremblay, Jamie Petrie, Bobby Harris, Ryan Hindmarsh, Kirk Annis, Todd Thorsen, Karl Mead, Matt Branch, Denny Springer, Scott Nicholas, Jimmy Smith, coach Dallas Hudson and assistant coach Paul Smith.

The 1986 boys ski team from Grayling High School consisted of Tim Hickey, Kevin Reynolds, Flaskie Robins, Jayson Welser, Ralph Oppermann, John Walsh, Derrick Christman and Mike Burkley. They were coached by Mike Wieland.

Members of the 1986

Grayling High School girls ski team were Julie Huss, Jenni Branch, Pam Lange, Cari Longworth, Lori Gust, Robin Sellers, Dena Thayer and Heather Derenzy. They were coached by Mike Wieland.

The Vikings ski season came to an end at Schuss Mt. as 19 area teams fought it out to place in the top two in the state finals. The Viking girls placed fourth, with the realization that third place could have been theirs if one or two mistakes had not happened. The boys team also finished in fourth and they skied about as good as they could have to get that close to the top.

46 Years Ago February 28, 1963

Mark Anderson, a Grayling High School junior and son of the Batch Andersons of Lake Margrethe, was one of 16 boys chosen to be a member of the National Ski Team and will compete in the National Junior Alpine Championships in March in Jackson Hole, Wyo. Jody Almon, daughter of the Al Almons of Frederic, was also chosen as one of 10 girls to compete in Jackson Hole.

Of the 1963 February graduating class, from the Grayling, Cadillac and Manistee Mercy Schools of Practical Nursing, Pamela Mauren and Diane Kahoun

were the two students from Grayling.

69 Years Ago February 29, 1940

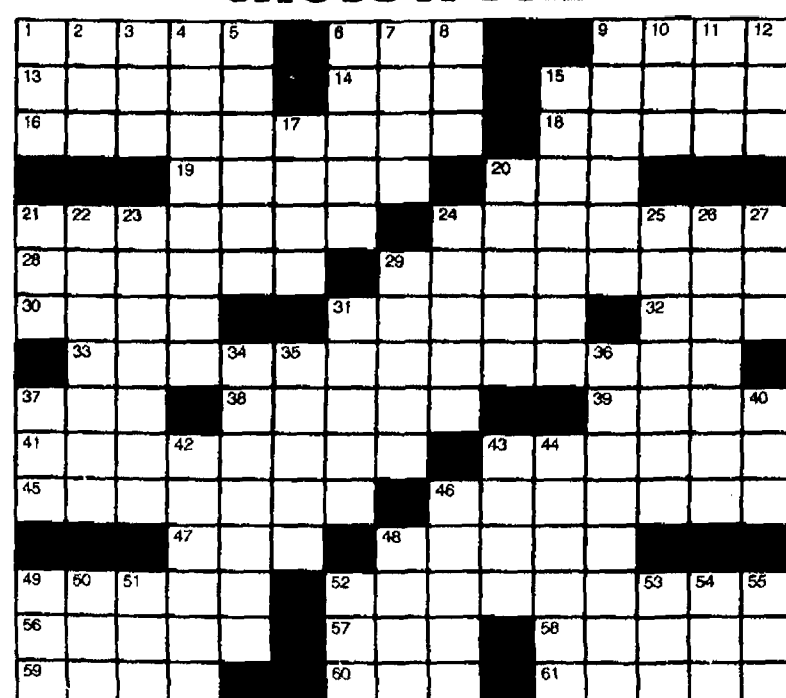
Last Sunday's first annual novice ski jumping tournament proved to be a thrilling event. There were 13 entrants in the senior class and three in the junior class. Don Roach and Ed Newman, both of Detroit, won first and second prizes. Four Grayling boys took part in the senior event, Jack Callahan, Hurl Deckrow, Rudy Harrison and Clement Blaine. In the junior event, Esbern Olson took first place.

John Mallinger, a solo student of Grayling's Flying Club, attempted to land his plane on Higgins Lake when an axle broke, causing a ski with which the plane was equipped for winter flying to puncture the under side of the fuselage. The damage was slight and repairs were made by Menno Corwin, allowing the plane to return to the hangar in Grayling.

92 Years Ago March 1, 1917

Three new species of fish will be planted in the AuSable River dam ponds next summer. They are land locked salmon, Chinook salmon and Rocky Mountain whitefish. Montana grayling were planted in the upper branches of the AuSable in 1914.

CROSSWORD



Across

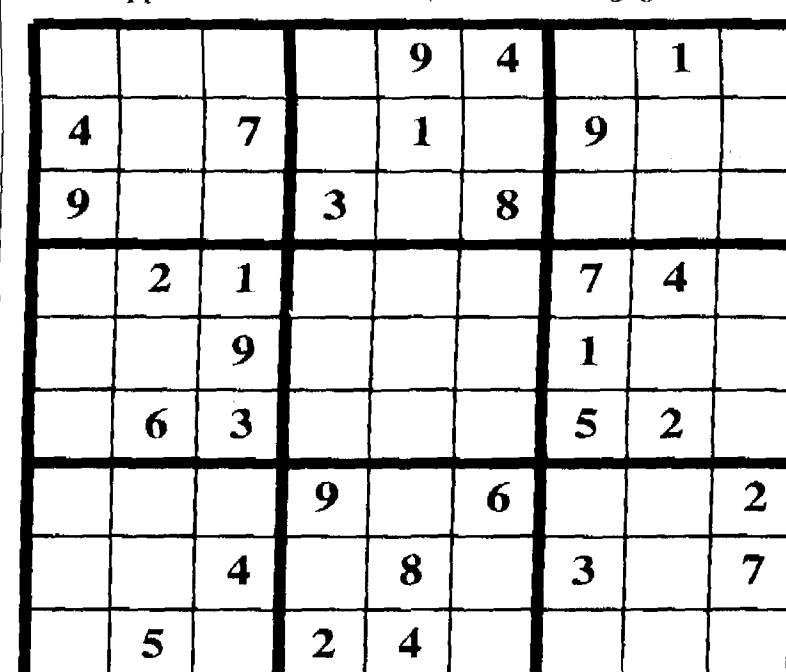
1. Prejudiced person
6. "Monty Python" airer
9. Equal
13. Antipasto morsel
14. ___-tzu
15. Certain print
16. Used by the Swiss to sound the ranz des vaches and other melodies
18. Native nursemaids
19. Archaeological site
20. Big coffee holder
21. Crimson
24. Columbus discovery of 1493
28. Capital of the Campania region
29. Yellow mineral occurring in conjunction with realgar
30. "Mi chiamano Mimi," e.g.
31. Smallest detectable sensation
32. Break out
33. Mental or emotional
37. Final. Abbr.
38. "Gotcha"
39. "Miss ___ Regrets"
41. Treated with sulphur in order to preserve
43. Hit against
45. Eternal
46. Margin between the skin of the pastern and the horn of the hoof
47. A pint, maybe
48. Sage
49. Cursed
52. Diagram of an electrical or mechanical system
56. Downy duck
57. "MS. Found in a Bottle" writer
58. First. Prefix
59. Ancient
60. Barley bristle
61. Church assembly

Down

2. Calamity
3. Deprive of by deceit
4. Exaggerate one's acting
5. Staying power?
6. Person with fair skin and hair
7. Blocks
8. Voting "nay"
9. Person who is not a Christian
10. In-flight info, for short
11. Addis Ababa's land. Abbr.
12. ___ judicata
15. Cocktail made of gin with dry vermouth
17. Goes quickly
20. Open, in a way
21. ___ lab
22. Plug of cotton, wax or rubber fitted into the ear canal
23. Specially long, formal letter
24. Knight's "suit"
25. Kind of mold
26. Not alike or similar
27. Store convenience, for short
29. Blotto
31. Seating sections
34. Not so nice
35. Trigger, for one
36. Surrounding like a crown
37. ___ Today
40. Undertake, with "out"
42. Burned brightly
43. Exclusive
44. Blowing apparatuses
46. "Suzanne" songwriter
48. Boat with an open hold
49. Caribbean, e.g.
50. Top secret?
51. "___ to Billie Joe"
52. Marienbad, for one
53. Elephant's weight, maybe
54. "Am ___ believe ___?"
55. Atlantic catch

SUDOKU

RULES: Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once in each row, column and 3x3 box.



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ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



HOROSCOPES

For the week of February 26, 2009



CAPRICORN
December 22-January 19
Your candidness often gets you into trouble, Capricorn, but not this week. What you say is held in high esteem and launches you onto a new path.



ARIES
March 21-April 19
Envy gets the best of you, Aries, and you make a silly purchase. Don't beat yourself up about it. It happens to the best of us. Independence comes at a price for a young friend.



CANCER
June 22-July 22
Give your finances a quick once-over. Cancer. All is not what it seems. Motivation for health and fitness goals comes from a very unlikely source. Listen up!



LIBRA
September 23-October 22
Definitely, Libra. You deserve a promotion, and it is on the horizon. A squabble among friends brings out the best in you. Who knew you could be so smooth.



AQUARIUS
January 20-February 18
Good fortune smiles on you. Celebrate with a night on the town with friends. Aquarius. A small child leaves you with an interesting question to ponder.



TAURUS
April 20-May 20
Gifts of the heart make for a groovy time at work. A tasty treat is in order for the weekend, and surprisingly, it doesn't come from you, Taurus.



LEO
July 23-August 22
Thoughts of yesteryear plague your mind. Give some old friends a call and have a little get-together. You won't believe the laughs you have, Leo.



SCORPIO
October 23-November 21
Good riddance to a bad habit. You find the resolve to make a change stick. Scorpio. A health concern eases with an advancement in technology.



PISCES
February 19-March 20
Honestly, Pisces. Keeping your feelings under wraps is helping the situation. Go ahead, open up and watch things happen. An e-mail proves inspiring.



GEMINI
May 21-June 21
Hear a friend out. Gemini. Their intentions were good; they just got off track somewhere along the line. A road trip sparks interest in a new endeavor.



VIRGO
August 23-September 22
Joy pays you a visit. Virgo, and you remember what life was like when you were young. Take steps to get back to that mindset, and success will be yours.



SAGITTARIUS
November 22-December 21
Your instincts are rarely off. Sagittarius, but that changes this week. You leap and fall, but lucky for you, a buddy is there to catch you and soothe things over.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our web site for more information.



Sam

Sam is a wonderful, sweet, handsome, 5 year old Yellow Lab. He is friendly and has a great disposition. Sam is still quite active so would like an active family to join in his fun. He has been neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. To learn more about this dog or any of the other great pets looking for homes, please check us out on the web at ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org or come on in to the shelter for a visit.

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Ausable Valley Animal Shelter
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds

Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday through Saturday,
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After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our web site www.aussc.petfinder.com

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



CHOCOLATE BLISS CHEESECAKE

Ingredients:

- 18 sandwich cookies, finely crushed (about 1-1/2 cups)
- 2 Tbsp. butter or margarine, melted
- 3 eggs

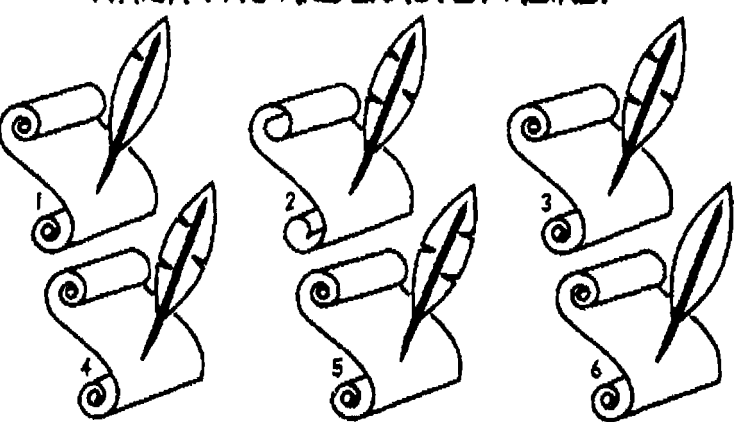
- 3 pkg. (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 pkg. semi-sweet chocolate, melted, cooled slightly

Directions: Heat oven to 325°F. Press combined crumbs and butter onto bottom of 9-inch springform pan. Beat cream cheese, sugar and vanilla with mixer until well blended. Add chocolate; mix well. Add eggs, 1 at a time, mixing on low speed after each just until blended. Pour over crust. Bake 55 min. to 1 hour or until center is almost set. Run knife around rim of pan to loosen cake; cool before removing rim. Refrigerate 4 hours. Optional: Dust entire surface of cooled cheesecake with unsweetened cocoa powder using a wire mesh strainer, if desired.

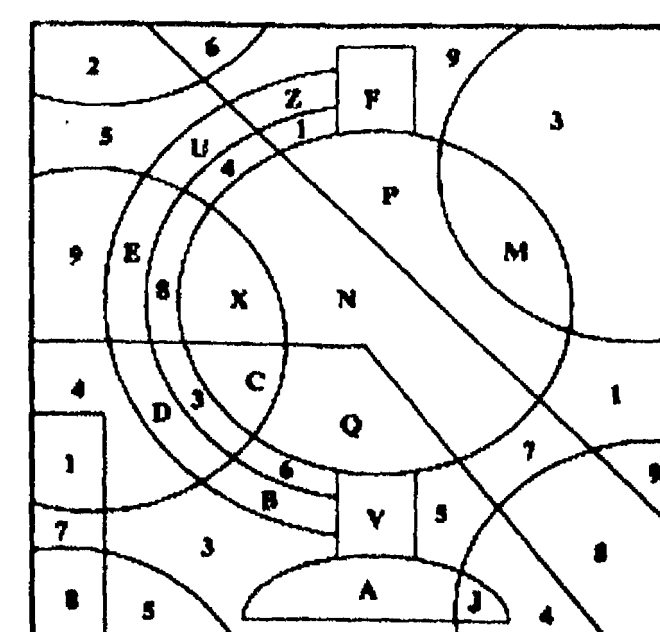
Prep Time: 20 min
Total Time: 5 hr, 30 min
Makes: 12 servings

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



HIDDEN PICTURE



Color in each space that contains a letter.

3. Employment
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 summer work. All positions.
 Apply in person at
 McLean's Ace Hardware,
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 26/3)

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ARCADE & PINBALL AUCTION -
 All assets of Blasters, Saturday,
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 Bed, 2Bath, 2000 Sq. Ft. Colonial
 Multi-Family home asking \$27,500.
 Current value \$85,000. Property
 Management referral available.
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 RESALE WEEKS - Jensen Beach,
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3. Employment
POSITION OPENING
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 Enforcement Training
 Group (NMLETG), an
 Urban Cooperative entity
 located at Camp Grayling, is
 seeking a qualified person to
 serve as Assistant Training
 Coordinator of the organiza-
 tion's services and pro-
 grams. Individuals interest-
 ed in this position should
 begin the hiring process by
 electronically sending a
 resume along with a cover
 letter summarizing your
 education and work experi-
 ence to Sheriff Gary
 Finstrom at the address
 below no later than March 2,
 2009. Not all interested indi-
 viduals will be contacted for
 an interview. E-mail: gfin-
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 (-12-19-26/3)

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 No phone calls, please apply
 within, ask for Chris. (-12-
 19-26/3)


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 Roscommon, MI 48653
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DEVELOPMENTAL
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 college's developmental
 reading and writing
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 complete details
 regarding the position
 and minimum
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 Equal
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 must have current insurance
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 to become licensed. If you
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 with an industry leader,
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 5/3)

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 training academy starting in
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 solid foundation to continu-
 ously provide outstanding
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 medicine to the communi-
 ties we serve. Further infor-
 mation can be obtained at
 the Frederic Township Fire
 Department, 6547 Frederic
 Street, Frederic, MI 49733,
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 1 and/or 2 certificates and a
 valid State of Michigan driv-
 er's license. Other creden-
 tials may be required for
 some license levels.
 Interested persons may call
 989-348-8190 for more
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 can be picked up at the Fire
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 Frederic Street, Frederic, MI
 49733. (-19-26-5/3)

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FOR THE BEST SER-
VICE on appliances, heat-
 ing, cooling and refrigera-
 tion, call Hometown
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 additions, drywall, painting,
 roofing, siding, decks, and
 more. Licensed and insured,
 free estimates. Rob
 Harrington 989-344-1383. (-
 9/16/04tf/4)

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 Please call 989-390-2155
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 heating bill. Limited time
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 Total diamond weight is .71
 carats. Center diamond
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 Paid \$3,400 asking \$2,200
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 Accounting across from The
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 view. (-19-26/5)

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MARTY'S FIREWOOD
 Oak fire wood, \$60 face
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 27-5/5)

6. Wanted
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 All grades. SMR 989-275-
 6041. (10/16/08tf/6)

8. Announcements
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 (10/11/07tf/8)

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MATES OF 1989 Reunion
 scheduled for July 18th at
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 during the day and evening
 for adults. Please contact
 Janet Petrosky at janet-
 pclark@hotmail.com. (-29-
 5-12-19-26-5-12-19/8)

REMEMBERING
HEATHER STEVENS On
 Sunday, March 1, 2009,
 there will be a luncheon held
 in memory of Heather
 Stevens, from 2 p.m. to 6
 p.m. at the American Legion
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Zach Wolcott (152), left, and Joey Contreras (171), right, wrestle against Oscoda during Thursday's team district event at GHS.



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Wrestling team wins third consecutive district title

Vikings defeat Oscoda 73-3 in finals

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The Grayling Vikings – in front of their home crowd at Grayling High School on Thursday night – clinched their third consecutive district wrestling championship with a 73-3 victory over the Oscoda Owls in the District 167-3 tournament finals.

Grayling's district included three teams this year: Elk Rapids, Oscoda, and Grayling. The Vikings drew a bye for the semifinal round. Oscoda defeated Elk Rapids 54-30 to advance to the championship round vs. Grayling.

The Vikings dominated the Owls, winning 13 of 14 matches.

In the first weight class – 145 pounds – Cody Colten pinned his Oscoda opponent in the second round. Zach Wolcott (152) won an 8-7 decision in the second match of the evening.

Derek Babbitt (160),

Shane Grove (171), and Joey Contreras (189) all scored first round pins. Matt Townsend (215) won by pin in the second round. Kyle Peters (heavyweight) pinned his Oscoda counterpart in the first round.

Jerry Bergey (103) won by pin in the second round. Cody Elmy (112) pinned his opponent in the first round. Joe White (119) scored a first round pin. Olivia Peters (125) lost a 6-0 decision.

Dan Duvall pinned his Oscoda counterpart in the second round. Will Fowler won a 12-4 decision. Josh Moggo (140) – in the final match of the night – scored a pin in the first round.

Grayling won 73-3.

"They worked their tails off," Coach Joe Ferrigan said. "They did exactly what they were supposed to do tonight. They went on the mat not hoping to win, but expecting to win. They stayed focused, came out and took care of business."

Six wrestlers qualify for individual regionals

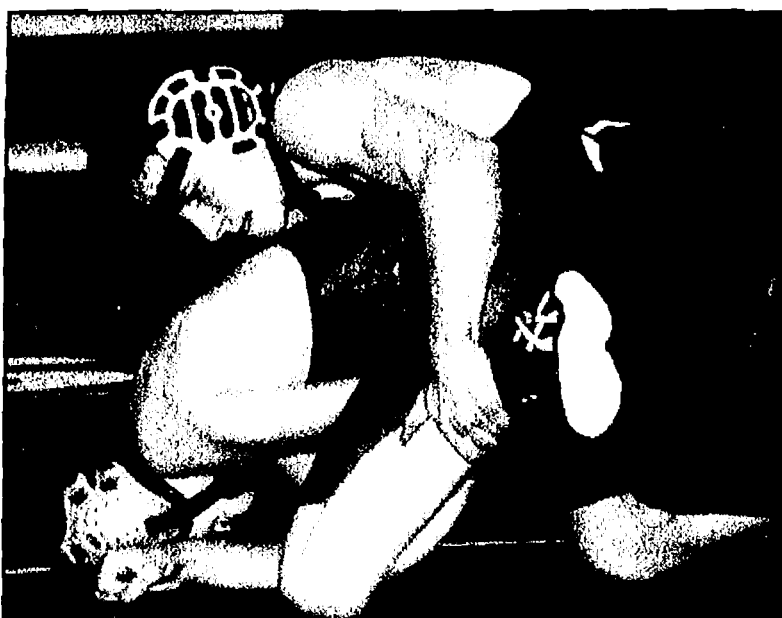
Six Vikings finished high enough at Saturday's Individual District 17-3 tournament – an event held at Burt Central – to qualify for this week's individual regional tournament.

Grayling's six individual regional qualifiers were: Cody Colten (145),

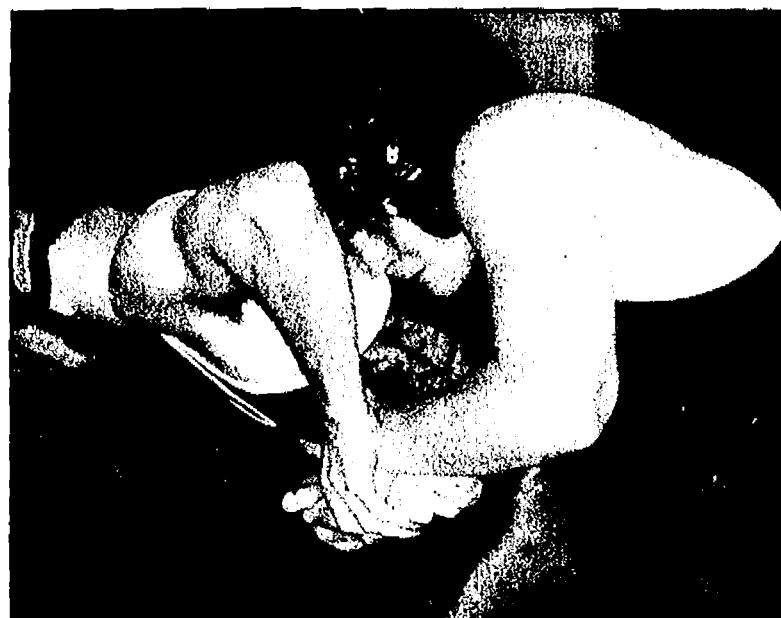
1st: Joe White (119), 2nd: Shane Grove (171), 3rd: Matt Townsend (215), 3rd: Josh Moggo (140), 4th: Jerry Bergey (103).

With the win in districts, Grayling advances to the Region 117-3 tournament, which will be held at Gladstone High School on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 6 p.m. The Vikings (26-3) will wrestle against Kingsford. In the other regional semifinal match, Roscommon (29-6) will battle Menominee

(15-10). "They worked as hard as any team we have ever had and they're ready to go wrestle in regionals," Coach Ferrigan said. "We haven't had any grade problems. We haven't had any discipline problems. They've been great student-athletes all year long."



Jerry Bergey (103), left, and Derek Babbitt (160), right, battle opponents from Oscoda during last Thursday's district tournament.



Grayling Youth Wrestling Club

Eight members of the Grayling Youth Wrestling Club placed in the top four during Saturday's NEMWA state finals tournament, which was held in Bay City.

"All 11 kids that went to (the state finals) wrestled well. Just to make it to that level is a huge accomplishment," Coach Larry Duvall said.

Grayling's eight state finishers, including two champions, are as follows:

Jonathan Martin, 1st – "(Jonathan) is now a back-to-back state champ. Jonathan wrestled very well and was dominant in both his matches. We look for continued success from Jonathan next year," Coach Larry Duvall said.

Zack Cheney, 4th – "Zack wrestled well all day and was in a very talented weight bracket. Zack lost his first match and then wrestled back to take fourth. To place in this bracket was an accomplishment within itself," Coach Duvall said.

Zach Joseph, 3rd – "(Zach) finished the day in third. He did a good job and worked hard to get to (the state finals)," Coach Duvall said.



Eight GYWC members placed in the top four at the state finals on Saturday: (front, L to R) Kyle Schmidt, Zach Mack, Jonathan Martin; (back, L to R) Zach Joseph, Zack Cheney, Brandon Handrich, Ty Jensen, Jeff Myers. Back row (L to R): coaches Bob Jensen, Mike Terrien, Mike Joseph, Paul Martin, Larry Duvall.

Kyle Schmidt, 4th – "(Kyle) finished the day in fourth. He was another one with a very talented bracket. All the kids in his weight placed first or second last year. Only the top four place at state, so he did very good," Coach Duvall said.

Zach Mack, 1st – "(Zach) again won the state title. This makes him a back-to-back champion. He has worked hard all year and it showed in the finals. Zach pinned his first kid and won the second by points," Coach Duvall said.

Ty Jensen, 3rd – "Ty had some very tough competition. He wrestled very well and gave 100 percent for the whole match," Coach Duvall said.

Brandon Handrich, 2nd – "(Brandon) finished in second place. Although this was a disappointment in Brandon's eyes, we were very proud of him. Brandon was sick all week and was not at 100 percent. He makes no excuses and works as hard as anyone on the team. To finish second in only his third full year

shows his dedication," Coach Duvall said.

Jeff Myers, 2nd – "Jeff wrestled very well and took second. This is awesome, considering it is only his second year wrestling. Jeff lost his first match and won his next two. He works very hard on the mat," Coach Duvall said.

"We would like to wish Kyle, Zach (Mack), Ty, and Brandon all the success in the high school. They will make Grayling proud at the next level also," Coach Duvall said.

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